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TEN CONCURRENT REPORTS BY TURKISH AIRLINE PILOTS OF A COMPLEX/ MULTIPLE UFO SIGHTING ON NOV. 1, 2002. © SIRIUS UFO SPACE SCIENCES RESEARCH CENTER. www.siriusufo.org

A meteor that entered the atmosphere, and which could possibly have wrought havoc on Earth, was broken into pieces by a UFO, and rendered ineffective before it hit.

The incident, which could be considered as one of the most significant events in the history of mankind, was witnessed by a total of 6 different airliner crews (4 in the air, 2 from the ground) and several people from the ground, and was filmed by an amateur video camera.

The details about the incident, written testimonies by pilots and the other witnesses involved, drawings, animations, video footage, and analysis of the incident are as follows:

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DRAWING OF UFO SIGHTING FROM FIRST AIRLINER BASED ON PILOTS ERCAN EKEN AND SINAN YILMAZ'S REPORTS.

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A CASE STUDY IN THE GLOBAL TRACKING OF UFOs.
A special report, exclusive to FSR, by Harry Challenger.

Artist's impression of 2001 Cape Town sighting

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It is time for forward thinking ufologists to see a return to the mainstream in authoritatively written articles asking the right questions. Outside the FSR, why does one continually find oneself reaching for books published in the 50s, 60s and 70s to get to the right sense of tone for our subject? In our so-called media aware society, why do so few real questions of sufficient gravity concerning ufology get posed today? Flying Saucer Review is the standard bearer for those whose cause is asking real questions of substance in ufology.

What is known about the global movements of UFOs? This article aims to examine the evidence that an unprecedented opportunity to monitor the global movements of UFOs occurred in mid 2001.

A landmark aerial formation, readily identifiable as three boomerang shaped craft, visited three continents and their major cities in mid 2001. This report provides real insight that global tracking should be on the civilian UFO agenda. It is the vital first step if we are ever to truly know the international magnitude and scope of the UFO infiltration activities. A Transglobal pattern of national cities visited in these over-flights may well be part of the gross routine monitoring of our nation- states by UFOs.

For the purposes of this case study; an instantly identifiable group of UFOs flying in a recognisable formation were logically hypothesised to be the same UFO craft.

Cape Town Sighting.

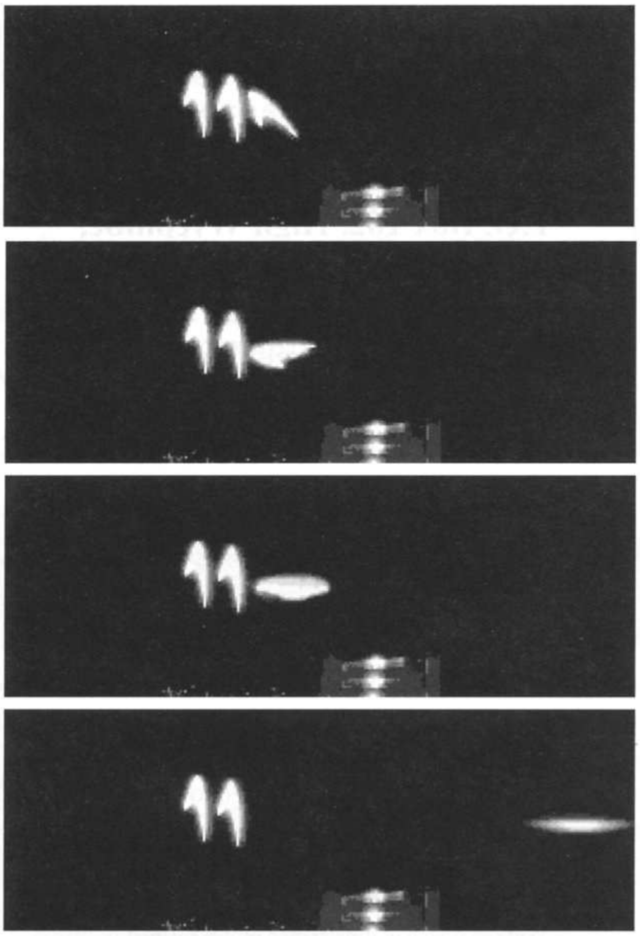
Witness sketch of disc shaped object formed from a Boomerang UFO.

Originally reported in October 2002 edition of UFO magazine (U.K. version), this sighting took place around late March 2001. This report and its images were compiled with permission from an original report and an animation by Hannes Thiart, a resident near Cape Town.

The witnesses were located at Table View, approximately twenty Km outside Cape Town, near the coast. It was late evening in late February and March 2001; the sighting lasted twelve minutes.

Three super-bright lights came from the Plattekloof area heading towards Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela was once incarcerated). Initially the three adults, Marco Pellis, his wife Gabi and Marco's friend Steve, and one minor, Marco's son, Morgan who were the witnesses, went out to investigate the disturbed and anxious state of their dog. The boomerang shaped lights approached and then stopped to hover. This action is illustrated by the leader image in this article.

Then the right-hand light proceeded to change its shape to that of a disc. Portholes could be seen arranged



Stills taken from the animation sequence of boomerangs near Cape Town. Copyright Hannes Thiart.

from the perimeter of the disc. This object moved slowly away then it picked up tremendous speed and disappeared instantly.

The left outer boomerang repeated this action, only this time travelling to the left, leaving a solitary boomerang craft in what was the centre.

After two minutes, the two discs came hurtling back, slowing only to take up position either side of the still hovering boomerang. They both turned upward at the same time and returned to their boomerang shapes. The three craft then moved slowly away towards the sea and Robben Island.

Marco Pellis tuned into a local radio station, which reported taking lots of calls regarding strange lights over Cape Town. Marco contacted Cape Town International Airport and was surprised to reach the control tower. An air traffic control official said that he had taken so many calls that an unidentified aircraft warning had been put out to all aircraft in the area.

Marco then phoned the Sutherland Observatory (one of the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere) and spoke to an exchange professor from the U.K. This man stated he could neither confirm nor deny that UFOs were in the area, which he said had something to do with regulations. Under cross-examination regarding the air traffic controllers warning of unidentified aircraft, the professor admitted they had tracked moving objects over Paarl Mountains, Plattekloof and Tygerberg areas. At this point in the conversation, fighter jets could be heard moving along the coast, which was uncommon for the area, especially at night.

Then Marco emailed a colleague based in the U.S.A., Dave Fisher, sending an animation made by a friend, Hannes Thiart, of the three boomerang objects in the sighting. He received a newspaper cutting straight back from the United States.

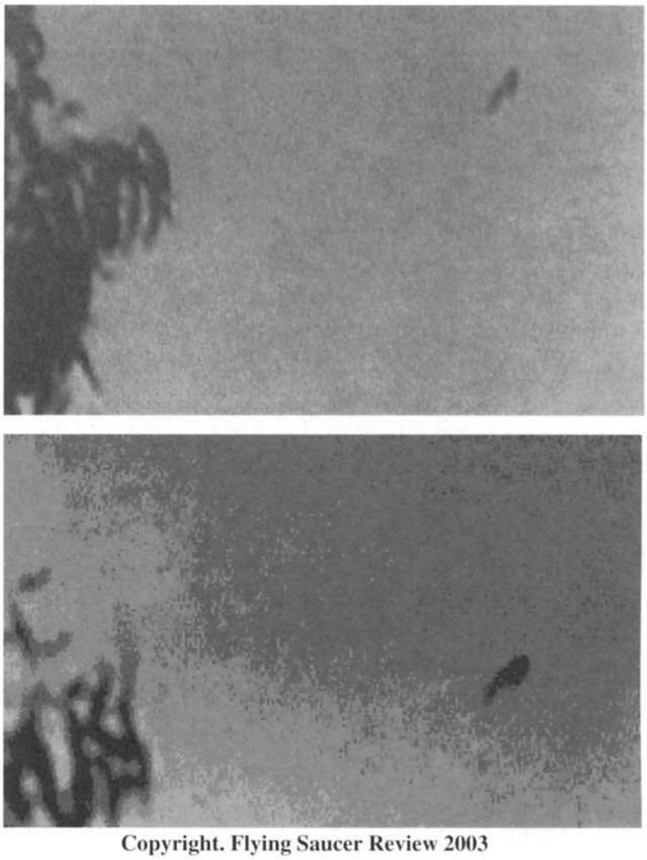
Two state troopers had apparently followed three boomerang shaped lights in their patrol vehicle across two states until they disappeared. This was in the same time period.

London Sighting.

On the afternoon of Saturday 30th June 2001, a group of three boomerang shaped objects travelled in formation in an easterly direction across North-East London. Two of the objects travelled together in front, the other one following behind at a distance. The metallic hulled objects glided and hung silently in the air. They were observed to hang downward from their points, on the apex of the outer most curve of the boomerang shape.

Does this sequence of sightings remain just another curiosity to be sorted through and then catalogued like a collection of cigarette cards? This triple boomerang case is yet another precedent in the argument towards recognising the genuine physicality of UFOs. The three boomerang craft had appeared in diverse corners of the globe and retained their identical visual appearance and behaviour with corroborative video evidence and without any witness contamination. The witnesses were completely unaware of each other or the international scale of their shared sighting. While appearing both purposeful and organised, these craft visited internationally important cities of London, Cape Town and undisclosed American

Video capture of 2001 London Sighting



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Map of total UFO sightings in South America.
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locations. Those experts who push obscure theories of cultural psychological origin for UFOs should take note.

In the light of these accounts it can be gathered that an identical formation of UFOs was involved in large scale over-flights across three continents. What preparations could be made for organised observers to film, map and track them along their global flight paths?

In the absence of corroborative global radar and satellite data, we must rely solely on visual identification evidence. Could an actively co-ordinated chain of observers visually track an aerial object, initially city-wide or even district-wide? This must already happen co-incidentally as in this case report, and perhaps deliberately, without any mutual acknowledgement or co-operation between witnesses. The new era of instant communication technology means both ourselves and our nearest geographic neighbours can effectively deploy cascading alarm calls to alert trackers to the presence of a local UFO sighting as it is occurring.

Could the answer to global UFO tracking involve setting up trial runs of cascading alarm call alerts? Is it within the capability of an entire civilian observer population to chain-react immediately to track the presence and trajectory of an object?

If each major city involved in such a study proved they could successfully track a UFO in this way, it may eventually become an internationally organised standard for a web of thousands of such civilian UFO trackers. Perhaps it would become a mainstream internet activity, like many new e.group evolved behaviours.

This new level of monitoring could provide an opportunity to record international over-flights of visiting UFO formations on multiple video cameras and set a new gold standard for organised data gathering. A library of images for nations and cities to compare the types of craft in attendance over their air space and to co-ordinate a global picture through their location, dating and timing evidence.

This is purely a statement of hypothesis to the approach of global UFO monitoring. It wholly depends on many diverse UFO sightings being in fact incidents of controlled exposure. UFOs under normal conditions swiftly regain their ability to operate in a state of invisible and complete stealth once a specific opportunity for observation has ceased.

The ability of UFOs to change shape and morph their general appearance would also upset the conditions of the observer chain. This was a noticeable feature of the Cape Town sighting in this case study. Visual distortion due to variations in observer position is also one major cause of error among the many uncontrollable factors found in any multiple observer system. Also included is the deliberate policy to frustrate researchers by an act of sabotage. These are already known to be employed by dis-information agencies involved in disrupting UFO and crop circle studies. The extreme aerial abilities of genuine UFOs remain unreproduceable by hoaxers, however. The chance of having a clean study is also reinforced by the integrity provided by employing a large number of inter-dependent UFO data gatherers.

Remodelling to a more overt form of observation-led behaviour by UFOs relies on their intelligent controllers showing a hypothetical willingness to remain observable for as long as possible along an active chain of observers. The evidence for this possibility is unpublished and anecdotal but it suggests that further fieldwork in this area may well yield positive concrete data.

The data for UFO sightings being recorded in this manner would soon reveal if it was truly delivering more overt behaviour. It could reveal new findings that could relate to our development of new leading cases containing landmarks or precedents in our observation of UFOs. Sightings would be visible along far greater distances and much longer time duration. Multiple video-film angles would give composites of structural and flight data on the design and performance statistics of UFOs. The data would have to collated and globally mapped annually to be presented as part of a new era of civilian authority in this planet's affairs. That is a dangerous idea to some.

To look at how such information would be presented we must look at how UFO activity is currently mapped by enthusiasts.

Historically, those who study UFO incidents have evolved sighting maps. These are geographical maps to show regional UFO activity for any given time period. These maps are based on sighting report data collated from archive sources. These currently relate mainly to what could be described as single location sightings. The

observer chain approach would create more detailed flight path and UFO identification data derived from multiple location sightings.

There is no better example of geographical UFO research than the work of Larry Hatch at his web site http://www.larryhatch.net. He sets a gold standard for academic rigour in the quality of his computerised geographic profiling of UFO activity.

This proposed technique of UFO tracking has already been employed successfully on a city scale by networks of civilians living in London. The findings of the London trial go further than the task of simple observation. They suggest we can even modify and pre-empt the intelligence controlling the UFO behaviour by attempting to bridge this historical shortfall in an organised sequential surveying of UFO overflights.

UFOs appear in recent years to have altered their over-flight activity. They have already been seen to be more selectively overt, to be more easily sighted by what we call repeater witnesses. Perhaps it is from some of these repeaters that we will see the first seeds of an organised force created specifically to form observer chains.

Would this simple behaviour modify the UFO activity in a similar way to the London experiment findings? Could this be leading to precisely the kind of overt UFO over-flights of capital cities once so eagerly anticipated by the early pioneers in our field? What can be derived from these kind of UFO spectaculars is that the audience allowed to view such activity is select and narrow. There are repeater witnesses at the centre of every city having UFO contact. A more democratic UFO witness proliferation would arise when these main witnesses become structured into a useable system in this case the observer chain.

The actions of the global civilian mass population are crucial to what happens next in the continuing world experience of the UFO question. The battle for our hearts and minds has yet to be joined. ■

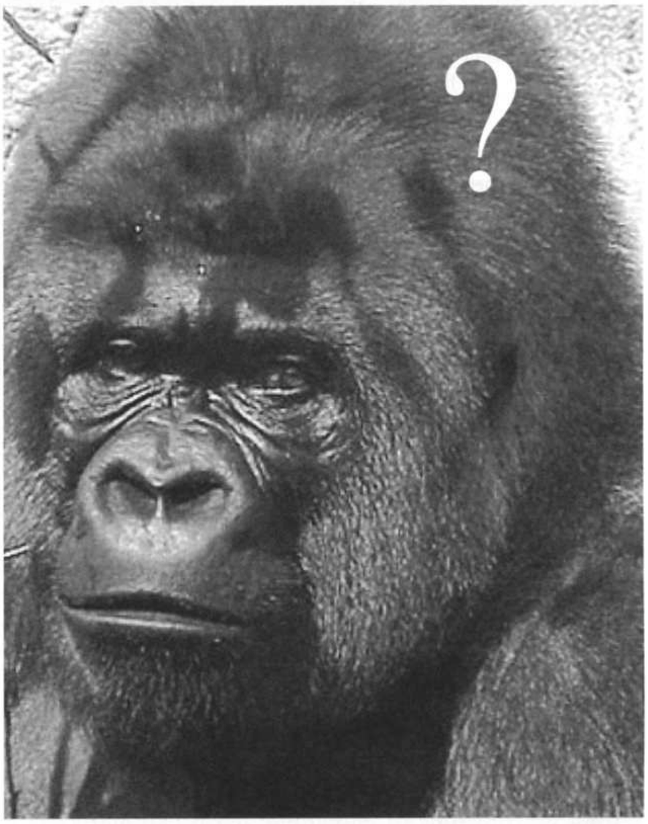
IS EARTH EMBEDDED IN A LARGE GALACTIC CIVILISATION? © 2003 BY BEATRIZ GATO-RIVERA, particle physicist and member of the Spanish Scientific Research Council (CSIC).

The cosmologist Ken D. Olum, from Tufts University, after doing some computations, concludes, "We should find ourselves in a large civilization (of galactic size), but in fact we do not."

I want to explore the intriguing possibility of whether we could be immersed in a large civilization without being aware of it. Due to the fact that there are billions of stars much older than the Sun in all typical galaxies, we could be not typical among the intelligent observers of the universe.

Typical civilizations of typical galaxies would be hundreds of thousands, or millions, of years more evolved than ours and, consequently, typical intelligent observers would be orders of magnitude more intelligent than us.

Do mountain gorillas know that their civilization is embedded in a larger civilization corresponding to a much more evolved and intelligent species than themselves?



Do they know that they are a protected species inhabiting a natural reserve in a country inside the African continent of the planet Earth?

The answer to these questions is certainly no, they do not know anything about our social structure, our countries, borders, religions, politics, nor even about our villages and

cities, except perhaps for individuals living in a zoo, or adopted as pets.

In the same way, the human civilization of planet Earth could be immersed in a much larger civilization unknowingly, by a much more evolved and intelligent species than ourselves. After all, the Sun is only a young star among thousands of millions of much older stars in our galaxy, and the possible existence of such advanced civilizations is only a question of biological evolution doing its job, slowly but relentlessly through the millennia.

If this happens to be the case, it is quite sensible to assume that these individuals regard our planet as a natural reserve, full of animal and vegetable species, the Solar System being nothing but a small province inside their vast territory.

In this situation, the answer to the usual remark, "If there are advanced extraterrestrials around, why don't they contact us openly and officially, and teach us their science and technology" - seems obvious.

Would any country on this planet send an official delegation to the mountain gorilla territory to introduce themselves openly and officially to the gorilla authorities?

Would they shake hands, make agreements and exchange signatures with the dominant males? About teaching us their science and technology, who would volunteer to teach physics, mathematics and engineering to a bunch of gorillas?

In addition, one has to take into account the limits of the brain capabilities, independently of the culture of education. For example, let us ask ourselves how many bananas would be necessary for the most intelligent gorillas to understand the equations of electromagnetism (even if they watch TV or listen to the radio).

In the same way, we may wonder how many sandwiches, potato chips or cigarettes would be necessary for the most intelligent among our scientists to understand the key scientific results of a much more advanced civilization.

Our intellectual faculties and abilities are limited by our brain capabilities that are by no means infinite. Therefore, it is most natural and sensible to assume that there may exist important key scientific concepts and results whose understanding is completely beyond the brain capabilities of our species, but are within reach of the much more evolved and sophisticated brains of more advanced civilizations.

Ken D. Olum has written a paper about the idea that in the observable Universe, because of the existence of thousands of billions of stars older than the Sun, there must be huge civilizations much older than ours which could have spread widely through the Universe. In his computations, he considers a cosmological mechanism called inflation, and he also uses the anthropic premise that, we should find ourselves among the typical intelligent observers of the Universe.

He predicts: There is a high probability that we are part of a larger civilization. Olum writes, "Nevertheless, we do not belong to such a civilization. Thus something should be amiss, but then what other mistakes are we making?"

The answer to this conundrum is that we could well be part of large civilizations spanning our galaxy (or a large region of it) without being aware of it. Therefore, one obviously natural solution is that we do belong to a large, very advanced civilization, but we are not citizens of it because of our primitive, low status. Olum makes the mistake of thinking that, first, we are typical intelligent observers and, second, that to belong to a civilization implies to be a citizen of it.

Olum's claims that the cosmological inflation should increase the probability that we live in a large civilization are not very convincing. However, this would be the case if there exist thousands or millions of parallel universes separated from ours through extra-dimensions, as in some *brane* world scenarios considered in Particle Physics (every *brane* being a universe).

In this case it would be natural to expect that some proportion of these universes would have the same laws of physics as ours (presumably half of these would be made up of matter and the other half of antimatter), and many of the corresponding advanced civilizations would master the techniques of travel or jumping through (at least some of) the extra dimensions.

It could even be that the expansion to other parallel universes could be easier, with lower cost, than the expansion inside one's own galaxy. As a result, we could also expect colonizers coming from other universes, building multidimensional empires.

In many other universes, however, the laws of physics would be different. This does not mean, however, that these Shadow Universes would be necessarily empty of intelligent beings. If some of them had advanced civilizations, some of their individuals could even jump to our universe, but we could neither see, nor talk to, the Shadow Visitors (and the other way around). They wouldn't be able to colonize us either.

Let us discuss in detail the possibility that our small terrestrial civilization is embedded in a large civilization unknowingly. In our galaxy there are thousands of millions of stars much older than the Sun.

Therefore, it seems most natural to expect that in a reasonable number of solar systems, technological civilizations should have appeared, and a fraction of them should have survived long enough to spread to large regions of the galaxy. It is then very remarkable that the Solar System has never encountered, or been colonized by, any advanced civilization, or has it?

Olum assumes that, in the process of expansion and colonization, the more advanced civilizations will push the less advanced ones to their own level in order to integrate them, or else they will exploit, damage or annihilate them in order to conquer the planet, in the case of aggressive colonizers.

However, to integrate a primitive civilization into an advanced one could be a very unrealistic possibility. Among other reasons, the differences between their brain capacities and those of the primitive individuals could be pathetic.

With this insight, it is now much easier to accept the possibility that the Solar System could have been encountered or colonized many thousands, or even millions, of years ago by at least, one non-aggressive advanced civilization, who treated and still treat our planet as a protected natural reserve. Perhaps the Solar System has been visited by aggressive colonizers, as well as non- aggressive ones, resulting in battles or negotiations. Perhaps the aggressive losers will come back in the future to try again.

This view about ourselves, as a small primitive civilization immersed in a large, advanced civilization, leads to the realization that we could find ourselves not among the typical intelligent observers of our galaxy, but among a small proportion of primitive intelligent observers instead, completely ignorant of their low status.

It could be that all typical galaxies of the Universe are already colonized (or large regions of them) by advanced

civilizations. Whether the primitive subcivilizations know or ignore their low status will depend on the ethical standards of the advanced civilization in which they are immersed.

If the standards are low, the individuals of the primitive subcivilizations will be abused in many ways, in the same way that in our civilization, large groups of human beings abuse other human beings in weaker positions, as well as animals in general.

In this case, the primitive individuals will be painfully aware of their low status. If the ethical standards of the advanced individuals are high instead, then they will respect the natural evolution (biological, social, cultural) of the primitive subcivilizations, treating them as some kind of protected species.

In this case, the primitive individuals would be completely unaware of the existence of the large advanced civilization in which they are immersed.

If the Solar System is part of the territory of an advanced civilization, why don't we detect any signal of civilization in any of the planets or satellites in it? This would be natural if they had built bases all along the Solar System, including underground and submarine bases on Earth, and some colonies on or below the surface of some solid planets and large satellites (which is what we plan to do in the future ourselves).

The simplest answer would be that they do not find the Solar System attractive enough to live in themselves and would therefore have only a few small bases, difficult to detect.

However, an alternative explanation would be that, being aware of the existence of aggressive advanced civilizations, they would have developed very sophisticated camouflage systems, so that no signals of civilization can be detected by external observers or their space probes. Probably, in many cases, they even manipulate and distort the global data of their planets to
fool external observers.

Thus we cannot be sure whether our civilization is the unique civilization inhabiting the Solar System. We should not assume that the data we receive, with no signals of the existence of intelligent life, proves that there is no one out there.

The right claim would be that there is no signal of primitive civilizations, like ours, who would allow themselves to be detected by external observers, but nothing can be said about the possibility of advanced civilizations, capable of fooling telescopes, detectors and space probes, who would not allow themselves to be detected.

In the past, people thought the Earth was the center of the Universe, but now we know better. In spite of this, for many human beings the Earth is still the center of the Universe, the chosen planet inhabited by the most perfect and intelligent beings in the Universe: the Crown of the Creation (There are even some regular scientists and intellectuals who wonder whether the whole Universe was created just for us, terrestrial human beings, to exist!)

Are we unknowingly embedded in another, more advanced civilization, much as gorillas are embedded in ours? Why wouldn't the advanced civilization openly show themselves to us?

The reason would be that we do not qualify as full members, neither as associates, although we perhaps qualify as pets or little friends.

Why can't we tell they're here? The reason would be that, generically, all advanced civilizations are undetectable for security reasons, due to the existence of aggressive advanced civilizations. In any case, why would advanced civilizations allow alien civilizations to watch their cities, laboratories, military installations, etc. when they could fool them very easily instead?

If we are one of the ecologically protected species of an advanced civilization, one reason for an individual of this civilization to establish contact with us, primitive individuals, could be scientific research, but also simply to have fun and relax - the kinds of feelings which cause us to interact and play with cats and dogs and many other animal species.

In addition, if on our planet there are millions of cat lovers and dog lovers, and there are even snake, pig and gorilla lovers, it is natural to expect that there may exist some terrestrial human lovers among advanced aliens. This and similar situations would especially be true among advanced individuals who had to spend long periods of time working on primitive planets, living underground or on boring submarine bases, which would exist if our planet is embedded in another civilization.

The criminals of the advanced civilization could be interested in the primitive individuals as well. We can imagine dozens of different purposes for which primitive individuals could be kidnapped, tortured and even killed, including high gastronomy and sadist games.

One only has to think of the treatment that some cruel human beings give to their victims, whether they are other human beings (often children) or animals. The ethical level of an individual, or a civilization, does not necessarily grow in parallel with their technological and scientific achievements, or with their level of material well-being.

SETI could really be SETPI: the search for extraterrestrial primitive intelligence, because only primitive civilizations would allow themselves to be detected by external observers. In addition, the primitive civilizations should have reached the appropriate technological level to be able to produce electromagnetic emissions that would allow them to be detected by distant civilizations.

As a result, the period of detectability of an average civilization could last less than 500 years (until they learn to camouflage themselves), which makes it very unlikely that one primitive civilization could detect another one. For these reasons, this scenario predicts a rather low probability of success for the SETI project.

I have essentially no opinion about the many strange reports of alien abduction and contact, because I have never done any investigation of these matters. However, I believe that the claims of civilizations much more advanced than us must necessarily sound like ridiculous, hilarious, crazy science fiction ideas.

But the same thing would have happened if we had described our TV sets, planes, microwave ovens, computers, etc. to people only 100 years ago. Many people, including many scientists, have a very deep rooted reluctance and aversion to accepting the possibility of the existence of extraterrestrial species much more advanced and intelligent than us, who could even visit our planet.

I call this prejudice the 'Crown of the Creation Syndrome' (CCS). Curiously, w hile many religious people are not CCS sufferers, many atheists are. This could be because, while both religions and humanism often overestimate the greatness and uniqueness of the human species, the religions also teach humility? ■

A COMMENTARY ON BEATRIZ GATO-RIVERA'S ARTICLE. © BY GEORGE WINGFIELD, BA (Hons, Nat. Sci.), MA, and FSR Consultant.

Is Planet Earth Embedded in a Large Galactic Civilisation? This question posed by physicist Beatriz Gato-Rivera marks a welcome departure from the usual blinkered views concerning extraterrestrial life expressed by the majority of scientists in the last few decades. Whilst maintaining a cautious approach to the subject, she suggests that Planet Earth may be just one tiny habitat for intelligent life situated among – possibly—millions of civilisations, often vastly more advanced than ours, dotted throughout our galaxy.

Her speculation concerns only our own galaxy, the Milky Way, a vast spiralling aggregation of more than 100 billion stars loosely held together by gravitational attraction in a disk-shaped conglomerate roughly 100,000 light years across. Of the billions of other galaxies that stretch through space to the very limits of the universe we can say nothing, though one could suppose that, if life has developed widely in our galaxy, it will also have done so elsewhere. Some appreciation of the huge interstellar distances between possible civilisations within our galaxy must also be considered if we are to address the stricture which scientists, such as Ken D Olum, insist upon: If there is intelligent life out there, why then is it that we see no evidence of it?

The nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is about 4 light years distant which in itself is a quite unimaginable distance by our standards. Depending on the rarity, or otherwise, of these postulated civilisations they might well be separated from us by distances of hundreds or even thousands of light years. So how likely is it that we would see evidence of them given that they are indeed out there? If they have travelled to our solar system and visited our planet, one would certainly expect to find evidence of their presence. Here Gato-Rivera shies away from the claims of ufologists, contactees and alien abductees as one might well expect an orthodox scientist to do. Indeed one could argue from that standpoint by presenting the huge mish-mash of ufological evidence amassed over the years, and one could certainly make a formidable case. But, for the sake of examining her article, let us put that on one side and stay with the arguments which she presents.

What other evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence would satisfy orthodox scientists? It seems that the only thing which would satisfy the majority of them would be articulate radio signals detectable by large radio-telescopes of the sort which the SETI Project has been searching for. Several years of searching have yielded nothing definite so far, which does not mean that there is nothing out there. Gato-Rivera suggests that advanced civilisations would disguise or cloak their radio communications so that these were undetectable to those they were not intended for, such as us. Equally, I could suggest that advanced civilisations may use some completely different means of communication based on science of which we have no knowledge. To them, our electromagnetic radio communications may seem as primitive as the smoke signals of the early Native Americans seem to us. Quite conceivably some other means of remote communication may supersede our use of electromagnetic signals for this purpose in the coming hundreds or thousands of years and the efforts of SETI will be seen to have been wasted.

We should also remember that there's absolutely no reason to suppose that interstellar travel between the planetary systems of advanced civilisations is an easy feat. It could well be that Einstein's laws, implying it is impossible for material objects to travel faster than light, are indeed correct. Such things as "wormholes in space", and the assumed possibility of traversing vast interstellar distances through these in an instant, are no more than a far-out speculation. Although this, and the assumption that one could accelerate using "warp drive" to make one's spaceship travel many times the speed of light, seem to be taken for granted by many people, it should be emphasised that these things are just figments of science fiction rather than science fact. Even if we were able to build spaceships that accelerate to speeds near that of light it might take decades or much, much longer to travel to other planetary systems around remote stars where there could be advanced civilisations. If similar constraints apply to intelligences much more advanced than us, their visits to this planet may well be rare and few and far between.

Such visitations that we do experience need not of course be made by spaceships that have travelled for centuries through space. There may be aliens who live a whole lot nearer to this planet in habitats or colonies of which we are unaware. Possibly within our solar system or under our oceans or even within the Earth itself? We simply do not know. There may also be intelligences which can travel inter-dimensionally by means of which we have no concept. Again we do not know. How utterly blinkered it is then for scientists to maintain that the only way we can know of extraterrestrial intelligence is to search for it by using powerful radio-telescopes!

The orthodox scientists again suppose that any visiting extraterrestrials, "if they existed", would introduce themselves by saying: Take me to your leader. That scenario would be foolishness indeed given the warlike and destructive nature of substantial numbers of this planet's comparatively primitive inhabitants. (Are human beings getting more peaceful as time goes on? Hardly! They seem to be getting merely more technically advanced and efficient in their methods of killing each other.) One can see then that it is perfectly logical to expect that any alien visitors would maintain a very low profile, and cloak their presence in secrecy, to avoid attention. Gato-Rivera

sees a parallel in this policy to our approach to a colony of, say, mountain gorillas. We look on those gorillas as an ecologically protected species and maybe that is how extraterrestrials would regard us.

Certainly, if such aliens wished to take over our planet or to destroy us, they have not done so. That is unarguable. If we did chance to see them, or their craft in our skies, we would have little understanding of what we were looking at. Just like the gorillas, we might be puzzled for a while, but completely uncomprehending of what was going on. That, I believe, is one of her most important points.

Much of the trouble with modern scientific outlook is that many scientists seem to believe that our science is by now more or less complete. There may be, in their estimation, a few murky corners which are not fully understood, but these are minor and will probably yield to research soon enough. Therefore our civilisation represents a pinnacle of intellectual achievement and, in the unlikely case of extraterrestrial intelligence being found, we would undoubtedly be on a par with such beings.

I suggest that this is very far from the case. By present standards Newton's amazing insights into the dynamics of the physical world a little over 300 years ago seem comparatively elementary. In a further 300 years enormous advances may well be made which will turn our present scientific thinking on its head. At any rate, our view of the universe could easily be extremely different from what it is now.

So there are excellent reasons for thinking, like Gato-Rivera, that humanity could indeed be embedded in a large galactic civilisation without being aware of it. On the other hand extraterrestrial civilisations may be only too aware of our existence but choose to leave us alone. Whether they regard us as a species to be protected or one to be clandestinely experimented upon is clearly something that we cannot answer. Perhaps they have no particular interest in us, in our well-being, or in our continued existence? If we are "embedded" thus, there will certainly have been visits and maybe visits from several different species of extraterrestrials. As I have said, the visitors' agenda can hardly be to announce themselves or, at worst, to exterminate us, or that would certainly have happened already. In most respects we must appear extremely primitive to visiting extraterrestrials though we can hardly be seen as any kind of a threat to them.

Consider a parallel situation. If you and your friends were to land in some remote region or on an island where there existed a colony of gorillas, would you announce yourselves or demand to meet their leader? Would these animals, if they saw you, have the slightest idea of what you represented, or where you came from, or the purpose of your visit? Of course not. I suggest that they –or perhaps an even more dissimilar species to our own, such as fish or insects—are analogous to human beings confronted by extraterrestrial visitors. Our sightings of such visitors or their craft would be like the sighting by a fish, or by insects, of the vapour trail of a high-flying jet moving across the sky. Such creatures can have little idea of the significance of what they see, or what it means.

Orthodox scientific discussion about where extraterrestrial life may be within our galaxy excludes any mention of the possibility that such life may have engaged in colonisation, migration, or even interbreeding with less intelligent species of a similar kind. We are told that if the physical conditions are correct for life and the supposed primordial "soup" of water, amino-acids and other essential elements are present, life on a planet could gradually develop and evolve over a period of millions of years.

Under some conditions, the wide spectrum of such evolving life may produce a particular species with the advanced attributes of intelligence and self-awareness. Not all that long ago scientific orthodoxy completely rejected such a notion, and it is fairly obvious that the current scientific thinking on these matters is little more than a fad which will soon be superseded by different suggestions. If scientists can now talk openly about the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence, why cannot they envisage that intelligent life on this planet might possibly have developed here as a result of colonisation, interbreeding, or even as a result of the deliberate "farming" of the life-forms which existed here by some external civilisation? Again we simply do not know, but we should not rule out these possibilities.

The absurd "Crown of Creation" viewpoint mentioned by Gato-Rivera is one that is still adhered to by many people who think that human beings are the most perfect and the most intelligent creatures in the universe – perhaps even the only intelligent species in the universe. Common sense should be enough to dismiss such a preposterous notion. We are a comparatively primitive civilisation, not far in advance of those mountain gorillas, and with a very long way to go yet.

Also it seems more than likely that our existence on this planet is known about by external civilisations which choose to let us remain ignorant of our situation. It is at least encouraging that mainstream scientists like Beatriz Gato-Rivera are brave enough to express new ideas on this and move away from the orthodox scientific thinking of yesteryear ? ■

IS OUR UNIVERSE A HALL OF MIRRORS, A COPY OF ANOTHER UNIVERSE, OR A SMALL PART OF A GREATER UNIVERSE? AND WAS IT CREATED BY A 'SIMULATOR' – OR ALIENS, PERHAPS?

It is a little known fact that physicist Paul Davies, author of such works as *God and the new physics*, used to sit in on informal meetings arranged by FSR in the 1970s. Paul Davies has always been something of a lateral thinker, pushing out the boundaries while basing his thinking on science-fact and fact-based possibilities. He is currently employed at the Australian Centre for Astrobiology at Macquarie University, Sydney.

He has a new book out -*The Origin of Life*, published by Penguin – and on September 23rd 03 wrote a thought leadership article for *The Guardian*, a British national newspaper, reprinted below. FSR has previously published science-based articles about our universe and other universes, but as far as I am aware this is the first time that a physicist has speculated, in the way that Paul Davies does here, about what may be behind our universe, literally as well as figuratively.

Readers may wish to draw parallels with the previous article written by George Wingfield exclusively for FSR, which addresses a question recently posed by Beatriz Gato-Rivera, particle physicist and member of the Spanish Scientific Research Council (CSIC) – Is Planet Earth Embedded in a Large Galactic Civilization? ***- Paul Whitehead, Consultant, FSR.***

Reality in the melting pot.

The Times, September 23rd 03

According to 'multiverse' theorists, life as we know it could be nothing but a Matrix-style simulation

Five hundred years ago it was widely believed that the Earth lay at the centre of the universe and mankind was the pinnacle of creation. Then along came Copernicus and showed that our planet was merely one of several orbiting the sun. Since then the lesson of Earth's mediocrity has been reinforced again and again: ours is a typical planet around a typical star in a typical galaxy, of which there exist untold billions.

The Copernican principle - that our location in space is unremarkable - is the default assumption for most scientists. But recently this principle has been challenged by a group of cosmologists who claim that what we have all along been calling "the universe" is nothing of the sort. Rather, it is a tiny fragment of a much vaster and more elaborate system that, for want of a better word, has been dubbed "the multiverse".

The basic idea is simple. Cosmologists think the universe began with a big bang about 14bn years ago. This means we can't see anything farther than 14bn light years away, however good our telescopes may be, because light from those regions hasn't had time to reach us yet. But this doesn't mean there is nothing there, and for decades astronomers supposed that what lies beyond this horizon in space is likely to be more or less the same as we observe in our cosmic backyard - just more galaxies.

Now this assumption is in serious doubt following major developments in fundamental physics. A key premise of the more-of-the-same view of the universe is that the laws of physics are identical everywhere and for all time. But physicists have found that some features of nature thought to be law-like might actually be frozen accidents - properties that were locked in only as the universe cooled from its fiery birth.

Take the mass of the electron. Why does it have the value it does? Well, maybe the mass isn't decided in advance once and for all by some deep law, but just comes out at random, like the throw of a die, in the searing maelstrom of the big bang. In which case, it could come out differently somewhere else. In the same way, the strength of gravity or the number of space dimensions might also vary from place to place.

There is no evidence for any substantial variation in these features out as far as our best telescopes can peer. But that is no guarantee that a trillion light years away it will be the same. Electrons could be heavier there or space might have five dimensions. A God's-eye view of the cosmos would then resemble a patchwork quilt, with a haphazard pattern of properties. What we took to be universal laws of physics would be relegated to mere by-laws, appropriate only to our local "Hubble bubble", while far out in space other "bubbles", possibly generated by other big bangs quite distinct from ours, possess other laws.

Multiverse enthusiasts bolster their claims by pointing to the astonishing bio-friendliness of the universe. It has long been known that the existence of life depends rather sensitively on the exact form of the laws of physics. Change things a bit and life would never have happened. This looks suspiciously flukey, but it can be readily explained by the multiverse. Most of the cosmic patches in the quilt will be sterile, their physics all wrong for making life. Only here and there, in rare patches where all the numbers come out right, will life arise and observers like us evolve to marvel at it all.

History has thus turned full circle. According to the multiverse theory, if you look at Earth's location in space on a grand enough scale, then it does occupy a special and privileged position, namely one that can support life. Like winners in a gigantic cosmic lottery, we find ourselves in a rare bio-friendly patch for the simple reason that we could not exist in any of the bio-hostile ones.

If one accepts recent advances in fundamental physics, then some sort of multiverse seems inevitable. But how far down this slippery slope should one go? Max Tegmark, a cosmologist at the University of Pennsylvania, argues that there is no need to stop with properties like the strengths of forces or the masses of particles. Why not consider all possible mathematical laws? Don't like the law of gravity? No problem. There's a universe out there somewhere with gravity that waxes and wanes in a paisley pattern. Of course, there's nobody there to admire it.

Tegmark's speculation forces us to confront what is perhaps the deepest of all the deep questions of existence: why there is something rather than nothing. There are only two "natural" states of affairs. The first is that nothing exists. The other is that everything exists. The former we can eliminate by observation. So should we conclude that everything exists - all possible worlds? Those who would argue against this position must concede that there is some rule that divides what actually exists from what is merely possible, but not real. But where does that rule come from? And why that rule rather than some other?

These are murky waters, but they get even murkier when we scrutinise what is meant by the words "exist" and "real". In the Tegmark multiverse of all possible worlds, some worlds will have intelligent civilisations with computers powerful enough to create authentic-looking virtual worlds. Like in the movie The Matrix, it may be almost impossible for an observer to know which

is the real world and which is a simulation. And if the simulation is good enough, is there any fundamental difference between the two anyway?

It gets worse. Mathematicians have proved that a universal computing machine can create an artificial world that is itself capable of simulating its own world, and so on ad infinitum. In other words, simulations nest inside simulations inside simulations ... Because fake worlds can outnumber real ones without restriction, the "real" multiverse would inevitably spawn a vastly greater number of virtual multiverses. Indeed, there would be a limitless tower of virtual multiverses, leaving the "real" one swamped in a sea of fakes.

So the bottom line is this. Once we go far enough down the multiverse route, all bets are off. Reality goes into the melting pot, and there is no reason to believe we are living in anything but a Matrix-style simulation. Science is then reduced to a charade, because the simulators of our world - whoever or whatever they are - can create any pseudo-laws they please, and keep changing them.

The final twist in this saga is that almost all multiverse theories predict the existence of infinitely many duplicate cosmic regions, including duplicate Earths and duplicate *Guardian* readers. There will also exist all possible variations on this theme.

So if you are uncomfortable with the multiverse idea, content yourself with the fact that there will be another you out there somewhere who has just read a thoroughly convincing refutation of the entire multiverse concept?■

MORE THEORETICAL PHYSICISTS PROPOSE THE MULTIVERSE. BY PHILIP CREIGHTON, B.Sc. Hons.

Over recent years quite a number of articles have appeared in the *New Scientist*, all dealing with such ideas as that our known universe may be in some way 'embedded', a special case among many variations, a parallel universe, some kind of projection from a 'higher universe', a holographic construction, or even a 'Matrix-style' computer simulation.

They are all necessarily speculative to a degree – but what is important is that such speculation is indeed taking place in the minds of some of the top physicists of our time. It is indeed extraordinary to behold how severely our earlier primitive, geocentric view of the univese – has been - well - demolished.

Latest *New Scientist* Article.

1 Nov 2003, p. 34. ***Reality's True Nature*, by Leonard Susskind.** No less a figure than Leonard Susskind, the originator of string theory, is now arguing that our thinking on the laws of nature must be overturned. If the cosmological constant – the energy of 'empty space' – turns out to be variable, then the greater Universe could contain any number of smaller universes in which the laws of physics were entirely different.

He says: " Things, maybe all things, that we thought were 'hard-wired' into the equations may only be properties of our local environment, just like the temperature of the sea? " ■

TEN CONCURRENT REPORTS BY TURKISH AIRLINE PILOTS - CONT'D.

A meteor that entered the atmosphere, and which could possibly have wrought havoc on Earth, was broken into pieces by a UFO, and rendered ineffective before it hit.

The incident, which could be considered as one of the most significant events in the history of mankind, was witnessed by a total of 6 different airliner crews (4 in the air, 2 from the ground) and several people from the ground, and was filmed by an amateur video camera.

The details about the incident, written testimonies by pilots and the other witnesses involved, drawings, animations, video footage, and analysis of the incident are as follows:

DATE: NOVEMBER 1ST 2002; TIME: 05.30 – 05.35; ALTITUDE: BETWEEN 22,000 AND 36,000 FT; LOCATION: BETWEEN AFYON AND YALOVA.

THE FLIGHT CREWS AND THE AIRLINERS WITNESSING THE INCIDENT.

1) **AIRLINER:** (The Airliner which was nearest to the UFO fleet) Sun Express Air - Flight No: 590, Boeing 737-800.
Capt. Pilot Erkan Eken.
First Officer: Sinan Yilmaz.

2) **AIRLINER** (The aircraft following the first) Sun Express Air - TC -SUA B737-800)
Capt. Pilot Yilmaz Atli.
First Officer: Bulent Demirturk

3)**AIRLINER:** INTER AIR
Captain: Salih Gonuc.
First Officer: Fatih Aksoy.

4) **AIRLINER:** Hapag Lloyd Airliner. The pilots of this aircraft reported the UFOs that were also picked up by

their radar to air control and they asked for information.

THE AIRCREWS WHO WITNESSED THE INCIDENT FROM THE GROUND.

5) Capt.Pilot : Muhsin Aktar. He has witnessed the incident at Antalya Airport together with his crew as he was preparing for departure for Antalya-Stutgart flight. Please find below the written reports by the Captain.

6.AIRLINER
Capt.Pilot : Vedat Gurbuz
Cabin Supervisor : Bilge Yilmazturk
Stewardess : Hatice Inceler.
Please find below the written reports by the Captain and the crew.

FULL REPORTS.

1

On November 1, 2002, at 26.000 feet between Afyon and Yalova, after flying 10 nm in the direction of Yalova, a bright light caught my attention. It looked like an aircraft with its headlights on (at times, aircrafts switch on their headlights when they have close passes). I recalled the view of Comet Halley-Bop, because this light was leaving trail behind it. I asked to first officer Sinan Yilmaz what this thing might be. He said it might be an aircraft with its headlights on. I said "its altitude might be 41.000 feet in this direction, but it appears to be higher". The course of flight of the object we saw was about 060 degrees.

When the object got closer, I saw a flashing light. As I was trying to figure out what it might be, I saw several steady lights. Then the light which I previously presumed as headlight, started to change and get smaller. As I was trying to find a plausible reason for that, the object approached and got the position of 12 o'clock.

10 or 15 small objects, when measured taking the distance into account, about the size of a Boeing 747, were flying at 1-2 nm distance between them. This lasted for about 1.5 minutes. As they were getting out of sight, we reported these UFOs to air control at 5.44 local time. **Ercan Eken, Capt.Pilot**, SUN EXPRESS AIR.

2

I, Sinan Yilmaz, was the first officer in Boeing 737-800 aircraft of Sun Express Airlines, flight No: 590, departing from Antalya for Salzburg, Austria. We took off at 03.38 UTC from Antalya with my colleague Captain Ercan Eken in charge of the aircraft and headed towards North in comply with our route. We ascended up to 36.000 feet and we engaged autopilot. After passing our checkpoint over Afyon we made a turn of 360 degrees towards Yalova. At exactly 05.44 UTC, where we were at a distance of 15 nm from KFK checkpoint, our Captain noticed a huge light to the left hand side of the plane. Our conversation was as follows:

Captain Eken: "Is this an aircraft?"
1st Officer Yilmaz: "Yes, it looks so"
Captain Eken: "What altitude is it flying at?"
1st officer Yilmaz: "41.000 feet I suppose"
Captain Eken: "Why has it switched on its lights?"
1st officer Yilmaz: "I don't know"

We kept watching it while it flew at higher and stationary altitude from right to left. We then realized that it was not a conventional aircraft but certainly a UFO. As a matter of fact, I saw 10 or 15 constant lights flying very close to each other, and there was a blinking bright white light underneath. These white lights were leaving yellowish trails behind them. Then they started to move away from each other. We observed them for about 40 seconds until they disappeared, so I concluded that they flew faster than the speed of light.

I'm 100 percent certain that the object I saw was not a conventional aircraft, an asteroid or a comet. It was definitely a UFO. Best wishes, **Pilot Sinan Yilmaz, SUN EXPRESS AIR.**

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For the Attention of Mr Haktan Akdogan and other officials concerned. 5.11.2002. As we spoke on the phone today, I also spotted those strange objects on the same day like the other pilots flying over Afyon. That day (November 1, 2002) when we were 50 miles away from Afyon, our first officer warned me about a blinding light looming from left and I attempted to disengage autopilot fearing that it might strike us. It took the strange object to fly from one horizon to another about 100 seconds. During its fly-by we had a chance to observe it. We also called the cabin supervisor in to watch.

The object which appeared to be a mass first, when it came in front of us, splitted into units just before it vanished into the horizon to the right. I was so excited that I couldn't take any picture in that moment. But then, I was able to picture the trails they left behind at 10.000 feet. Best regards, **Yilmaz Atli, Capt.Pilot.**

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To Flight Safety Department. On November 1, 2002, we took off from Antalya at 05.29 for AYT-DRS flight. As we were climbing up to 24.000 feet, at 22.000 feet and 20-30 nm from Afyon, just before dawn, in the direction of 10 o'clock, we spotted a mass of light moving from West due East. Originally, we couldn't understand what it was. As we were watching its movements we thought that it might be an asteroid.

But then, taking our previous observation into account, we thought that a shooting asteroid would dissolve in atmosphere in 1-2 seconds. As time passed, we noticed that the movement of this mass of light was quite slower and the mass was too enormous to be an asteroid. It flew

away in a straight direction of West-East in a minute.

When it got closer to 12 o'clock, we realized that it's quite unlikely for this thing to be an asteroid. From the reddish colour emerging from it, we thought that it might be an airplane in some state of emergency or even about to crash . When it came to the position 12 o'clock, we saw a mass of red light in front of it, small light formations stretching back behind it and one more blinking light on its rear edge as if it were the beacon of an airplane.

This thing was definitely not an airplane or an asteroid. It was something like glowing light formations moving together in a bigger mass of light. When it came to 1-2 o'clock position, the mass of light disappeared and the small bright formations moved away. Then they dissolved casting lights. In 5 minutes we saw the trail the object left behind and were able to take picture of it with a digital camera.

My personal view is that this was certainly not an asteroid. Considering what I've observed in the direction of 12 o'clock I can say that they were unidentified bright objects and formations flying together. **Bulent Demirturk, Pilot, First Officer.**

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UFO sighting report. On November 1, 2002, 14 minutes after we took off from Antalya Airport for Munich at 03.30, when we reached to 30 nm from Afyon, at 30.000 feet, a light approaching from West caught our attention. At first, considering that it was an airliner drawing near to us, we started to look out the window with extreme interest.

As it got closer it got bigger allowing its huge mass to be seen. After looking at each other with amazement we kept observing the large mass in a stunned manner. This mass was 10.000 - 15.000 feet higher and 2-2.5 times faster than us. At first sight it appeared like a single mass, but as it came nearer we saw a huge mass (with a larger light compared to others) in the middle surrounded by tens of plane-like objects. I, first thought that they had been carrying out some kind of fuel transfer in the air. But that wouldn't be possible with so many airplanes.

We couldn't grasp what was happening. We asked to the radar station in Ankara if they picked up any signals. They said they had not seen anything on the screen. Sun Express pilots also stated that they had seen UFOs. There was no signal on military radar indicating presence of an unknown object as well. The interesting part of it was that the mass of light vanished suddenly as if it eavesdropped on us.

What was peculiar to the object was that the front side was brighter and bigger, there was a number of light formations on both sides and it extended to the back in cone shape. Best regards, **Fatih Aksoy, Pilot, Inter Air.**

THE REPORTS BY THE CREWS OF THE AIRLINERS THAT OBSERVED THE EVENT FROM GROUND.

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On November 1, 2002, just before boarding at Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport, we observed 4-5 flying object due Afyon with trails behind them. Time of sighting: Between 05.40 - 05.50. **Vedat Gurbuz, Capt.Pilot; Bilge Yilmazturk, Cabin Supervisor; Hatice Inceler, Stewardess.**

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Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects. I've been working for an airline company located in Antalya as a captain pilot. On November 1, 2002, when we were preparing for departure from Antalya for Stuttgart at about 05.35-05.40, I spotted a flying object that we couldn't identify. This is how the incident happened in detail:

We had completed all preparations and were waiting for the passengers to come on board. When I stepped into the cabin to confirm and make sure that everything had been done for take-off, one of our cabin attendants called and said "Captain could you come over, there's something I like to show you". Our plane stood towards West. When we had a look towards North/Northwest, I saw that bizarre flying object. I couldn't estimate how high it was flying.

It was faster than an airplane but still slower to be a shooting star or asteroid. It was more like a ball of fire leaving trails behind it, flying from West to East. As it was getting out of sight, its glow was phasing out. It then disappeared into the horizon. I observed this object for about 30-40 seconds.

I think it became observable 15-20 seconds before I spotted it. I then learned that some other colleagues had watched the same object and what they saw confirmed my observation. This is for the information of officials concerned,

Best regards, **Muhsin Aktar, Capt.Pilot.**

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Report on the flying object I witnessed and failed to identify. From Sukru Celik To Sirius Research Center/Mr.Haktan Akdogan.

I reside in Antalya but, I work for a hotel located in Bodrum Turkbuku as General Manager for the season 2002. My wife and my children reside in Antalya/ Manavgat. For that reason, I travel between Bodrum and Manavgat every 2-3 weeks. I set out for Manavgat on November 1st, 2002.

At 04:59 I took a break for breakfast. Then I took the precipitous Kale road. I was driving very carefully and slowly because I always had problems with traffic control points. When I was driving downhill around a place (I can't remember its name) near Gazeller district, I saw a marvellous shooting star that made an angle of 90 degrees down to the ground. At exactly the same time I watched that magnificent view, I saw a cluster of light moving on my right. I tried to comprehend what was happening.

What I saw was violating the laws of physics.

As an environmentalist, I felt upset supposing that it was an airplane about to crash into the forest. But then, I realized that there was no sound of explosion or smoke of a blast. When I saw the object keeping its position at a certain altitude, I thought it might be an asteroid. But the way it moved was refuting any explanation that crossed my mind. If it were an asteroid it would crash onto the ground with an extreme speed. It kept its altitude, violating the laws of nature, and then moved away rising slightly from the right. The lights emitting from the object and its passing like it was burning up the sky got me more excited, but I had to keep control of the car and I slowed down. I was driving down the road when the object - whatever it is- disappeared.

I couldn't figure out what it was. Some friends warned me that I might face cynical attitudes. So I kept silent until I heard the news on November 7th, 2002. I got a few newspapers and read the news about the same I object I saw.

I observed the object until it disappeared hovering from right to left. If I were to describe it:

1) There was no sound coming from it. Assuming that I was driving at 1000 meter down the hill, it was above 15-20 degrees from my eye level and 180 degrees parallel to the ground. It moved from the left to the right over me and disappeared rising up into the sky on the right.

2) It was flashing lights. The friction it caused in the air could be easily seen. It appeared to be burning up the air around it. The heat over its center was quite visible. If I were to describe it, it was similar to the heat rising from hot asphalt. It lit up the sky, probably because of the friction. The lights behind it were red-hot color and the interesting part of it was that those ambigious red-hot lines were keeping the same altitude against the law of physics and disappeared in the air. There was no trace of smoke.

3) The outer edges were getting more reddish while there was a clear red center in the cluster right behind the main white center.

4) In front of the object, there was a white circle center that made up only %5 of the whole view of the object. That was not extending like an arrow but it was lying right in front of the object. It was also very bright white.

5) It was rubbing the air pushing it towards back in elliptical shapes.

6) It was flying as tranquil as an eagle but hovering at great speed. The explanation by an astronomer on the sighting is ridiculous. The astronomer claimed that it was a technologically advanced firework that could rise up to 41 thousand feet or it was an asteroid. How could an asteroid move at 180 degrees parallel to the ground and disappears climbing up in the sky violating the laws of physics.

Why doesn't any astronomer or scientist come up and take this case seriously. I assure you there is something we don't know of and scientists are trying to explain it with some rubbish instead of facing the truth.

Best regards, **Sukru Celik, Hotel General Manager.**

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Attention to Mr.Haktan Akdogan and the officials concerned. I perceived a line of light speeding down the sky to be a shooting star. This light which appeared to be a shooting star first, suspended in the air then changed into a mass of light shining incredibly bright. It was something that I can't even dream of.

It got tremendously bigger and started to hover magnificently in the night sky heading the hills. I couldn't take my eyes off it. I was fascinated by the scene. I noticed some kind of energy-light motion at the back side of the mass. (It was functioning like the exhaust of a car). I could see the circular lights resembling to light bulbs on the object. It left traces of smoke like an airplane leaves behind. That trace remained visible until dawn.

There was another star-like light flying over that mass. It disappeared over the hill no:8. Front part of the object was disappearing in an extremely straight way. When the mass got out of sight, I saw strobing lights right over the hills. (it was like you're exposed to light after darkness). Then I observed the red light no:7 again and it also disappeared to the left making circular motions exactly where the mass vanished over the hills before.

I would say that the incident I observed early in the morning on November 1st, at about 05.30-05.45 (it lasted 3 or 4 minutes) impressed me very much. Now I more frequently ask to myself whether there is an extraterrestrial life out there. If they exist, I'm sure they possess more advanced technology than us. **Hayriye Oztuzun, Bodrum.**

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Hasan Huseyin Yavuz, a local imam (prayer leader) in Kutahya-Altintas claims seeing a UFO. Yavuz, imam of the Konak Mosque, stated that when he was going to the mosque for prayer early in the morning, he spotted flashing bright lights in the sky. "I saw luminous objects looking like long minarets. They disappeared into the direction of the city of Usak".

Another witness Ulvi Sarikaya, residing in Altintas, also said he observed the same bright objects. "A little while before the prayer-call we saw a number of objects in the sky. The objects then formed a cluster of yellow light. It was glowing all around. I wouldn't believe if I didn't see it with my own eyes."

WHY THIS EVENT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED AS A METEOR PHENOMENON.

Meteors burn up and scatter in mesosphere between 70 and 100 kilometers altitude. But in this incident we are talking about 15-20 objects that were 30-40 m in size and that had reached 40.000 feet. As a rule, such meteors must have hit earth wreaking great havoc.

Meteors can not fly horizontally and they hit the ground at least at an angle of 45 degrees in compliancewith the laws of gravity.

Logically, meteors never have lights pulsating in a regular way like those observed in our case.

WHY IS IT NOT A SOYUZ ROCKET?

One of the claims that has been put forward by some circles is that the object was the 2002-050b decay that broke up from Soyuz rocket launched on October 30, at 03.11 heading International Space Station (ISS). The empty rocket body weighs 2350 kg, 2.7 m in diameter and 6.7 m long. *(We are confident that examination of the footage and the related reports will help them change their minds).*

The object in question can't be a fragment of Soyuz because:

A rocket fragment 2.7 in diameter and 6.7 m long would have burned up and scattered in mesosphere between 70 and 100 kilometers altitude.

Let's we suppose that it had kept its original size (by miracle) until it reached to 40.000 feet. How can we explain its splitting into 15-20 pieces, each 30-40 m in size and they were still so bright?

And how did this piece fly horizontally violating the laws of gravity?

The rocket debris was traveling 256,000 feet from southeast to northwest, and the UFO was traveling between 20,000 to 40,000 feet from west to east. Simulations of the UFO's flight in front of the airliner clearly show that the UFO and the rocket debris were different objects, traveling in different directions and heights.

Rocket debris was traveling southeast to northwest, the same general direction as the airliner, thus it could not have flown across (intersected) the airliner's path. The rocket debris was at least 229,000 feet above and traveling in the same direction as the airliner. Harro Zimmer, reports the "satellite" (debris) was at 78+ km, and 78 km converts to 255,905 feet.

And finally how come another luminous and flashing (in a regular way) object appeared behind it?

THE CONCLUSION WE REACHED BASED ON THE TESTIMONIES AND REPORTS BY THE CREWS OF 6 AIRLINERS AND OTHER WITNESSES AND VIDEO FOOTAGE.

6 different crews with profound experience on aerial phenomena have stated that these objects were flying independently in horizontal way, were 10-15 in number and as big as a Boeing 747. What's important is that there is no contradiction between the statements of different crews.

Naturally, no meteor can keep its size that big at 40.000 feet altitude in atmosphere. If the objects had passed through the mesosphere without splitting off it would have caused a catastrophe on earth.

No meteor can travel horizontally. If they were ordinary meteors they would have vertical motion at an angle of 45 degrees in compliance with the laws of physics and gravity.

As one can see on video footage there is a luminous object up there blinking in a regular way twice a second. This point was also mentioned in the reports of witnesses.

FINAL CONCLUSION:

Initially, a huge meteor enters into the atmosphere down to the 45.000 feet and then a UFO with flashing lights getting it under control using some kind of high-frequency energy field and flying it a while horizontally, splitting it into two pieces first and smashing it in final stage, making it completely ineffective before hitting earth.

How can we explain that such organizations like NASA and NORAD failed to spot these objects? There may be two reasons for that. Either they covered it up to avoid sparking panic among people, or extraterrestrial technology made it invisible using some kind of energy shield. One of these can possibly explain the fact that the objects had not been picked up by any radar.

What's important is that this historical event was witnessed by many credible people, documented and filmed at the same time. The evidence is clear.

We, Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center, would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all the pilots and flight crews and other witnesses for their contribution and cooperation in bringing this very special event to the knowledge of world public opinion.

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Thanks to the archiving expertise of Clas Svahn, editor of UFO-Aktuelt of Sweden, and his colleagues, we are now building up a photo archive on CD. This will be available in the future, along with the complete archive of FSR on CD, in due course.

Some of these pictures go back to the 50s and 60s, and are extremely interesting. We hope to publish a few of them in a regular photo feature in coming issues of the magazine.

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B-57 bomber photo. Text on back: "This photo was taken in USA in 1957 by the firm who manufactured the aircraft shown, and the picture was for publicity and promotional purposes. Only after it had been developed was the object in the far right top corner seen. (The crew of the plane never saw it). See also enlargement accompanying. This photo of a UFO is accepted as genuine by Major Donald Keyhoe's NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMISSION ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP) (Washington).

AN ALIEN BASE IN SIBERIA & ALIEN CONTACT.
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Over recent years there has been a steady accumulation of evidence pointing to the fact that there may well be an established alien base in the isolated centre of Siberia.

This statement has not been made as the result of a single news event that has taken place but more from the point of view of an investigator piecing together fragments of information put together in a similar way to completing a jigsaw. We do not yet have all the pieces of the puzzle to complete the full picture but there is now sufficient evidence to believe that an Alien base has been established on our planet!

In the summer 2003 issue of *Flying Saucer Review*, the article by Philip Creighton *More On The Siberian Meteorite of September 2002*, referred to an amazing statement made by a highly placed Russian source. The source, namely Valery Uvarov of Russia's National Security Academy had stated that on September 24/25, 2002, a meteorite was shot down over Siberia by an "unknown installation".

In the report of the 'Siberian Meteorite' FSR reader Mr A. Calvert referred to the in depth interview that took place between the late Graham W.Birdsall, Editor of *UFO Magazine* and Valery Uvarov (April 2003 issue). During the interview Mr Uvarov stated "I am answerable to two people above me. They are answerable to the next person above them, who is our president." Obviously the Russians are treating this matter extremely seriously and are appealing for international participation in an expedition to the area planned for later this year.

This is not the first time that the centre of Siberia has been the source of 'Alien Base' rumours. In a FSR article (Spring 1997 issue) reference was made to strange domed structures that had been seen in north-eastern Siberia in the area of Verkhniy Vilyuisk, Yakutia by nomads passing through the region. Drawings of dome shaped structures were included in the article. Their origin was unknown and there was some speculation that these were the source of strange lights that had been reported in the area.

Up to this point, the information that I have referred to had been gleaned from human witnesses, but I am about to reveal an amazing story passed to me by psychic, Peter Gregory.

I have known Peter for several years and I have personal knowledge supporting his claims and experiences. Initially he delved into the world of ghosts and the paranormal, later becoming involved with UFO investigation.

Peter commented "Ghosts played an important part of my early childhood; it's not surprising that when I grew up I would spend a great deal of my time trying to prove their existence. As an adult, I became a psychic investigator in the Grimsby area, spending more than twenty years helping people with all kinds of psychic disturbance."

At one stage during the winter of 1979 Peter was instrumental in assisting the police in finding two lost children. The two children had disappeared in a blizzard in Glasgow. More than a hundred police searched for them but failed to find any trace of either child.

Peter called on his psychic ability to find them and was able to pass on information to the Grimsby police detailing the fact that the children had fallen through ice on a pond and he gave the location where they may be found. The Grimsby police passed on this news to the Glasgow police, but because of the heavy snow and ice the children's bodies were not found until six weeks later, only a hundred and fifty yards from the spot where Peter had predicted.

It would appear that Peter may have experienced what is now termed 'remote viewing' and this gift could have been responsible for his ability in later years to describe an alien base in a remote area of Siberia.

It was during the 1990's that Peter Gregory claimed he had been in psychic contact with a 23 year old Hybrid Alien female who he knew as 'Oona'. Peter learnt that she was born on Earth as a direct result of alien genetic engineering in the early 1970's and had spent her entire life at a secret base in Russia and had never seen her home world.

Peter recounted his first impressions of the Alien base:

Strange images of things I had not seen before raced through my brain. One was of a dark grey terrain with high mountains and a red desert that stretched far into the distance. In the foreground stood seven circular domed structures that towered above the countryside like giant steel monoliths. The domes were covered with hundreds of large hexagonal lenses that reflected what little light there was. Their metallic surfaces were completely smooth with no apertures or entrances, they had no base supports of any kind and no other buildings were close to them.

Peter then revealed how he had first made contact with 'Oona' the Alien hybrid.

My first telepathic conversation with 'Oona' was in July 1994. 'Oona' said she had chosen to communicate with me because my abductions since childhood had given me a certain empathy with the Greys and this could be helpful if understanding between the two races were to materialise.

'Oona' explained that producing hybrids in their culture was not unusual, as they believe that crossbreeding with other races is a most effective way in controlling the evolution of that species and also ensuring the survival of their own.

Peter disagreed and said that interfering in the natural progression of any society was barbaric and evil. 'Oona' replied "How can you think of us as evil, when ma's own violent past is testimony to torture and genocide!" Peter reflected for a moment, "I just couldn't giver her an answer because I knew deep inside that what she had said was perfectly true."

Peter went on, "If what you say is true, you could easily use genetics as a powerful weapon to eradicate man's influence from Earth within a hundred years."

'Oona' responded "It is not our aim to harm mankind in any way, only to help him realise his cosmic heritage, by creating a race of enlightened beings whose knowledge and wisdom will bring your civilisation to full spiritual awareness."

As the months passed Peter had a number of psychic contacts with 'Oona', in numerous ongoing question and answer sessions.

N.B. *These have been detailed in Peter's booklet 'Alien Contact. The Oona Story' (see end of this article). However, we will return to references to the Alien Siberian Base.*

Peter asked "Do the Greys ever use implants on humans?"

'Oona' replied "A few suitable specimens are given implants by use, mainly pregnant females. These devices keep us in touch with the subjects position at all times and makes retrieval of foetuses and embryos simple and efficient. They are also used to closely monitor the physiological changes that occur in the human body and provided important data on the level of dangerous toxins and bacteria in the atmosphere."

Peter posed the question "I would like to ask about the secret bases you mentioned earlier. How many are there on Earth?"

'Oona' responded, "There are hundreds around the World in every country, most are known to the authorities and have their co-operation but some under sea installations are kept secret for our protection."

Peter, "Do you live in one of these bases and can you tell me where it is?"

'Oona' replied "No, I am not permitted to give you exact coordinates, but the area is marked on your maps as the Verkhoyansk Range. Our base is approximately six hundred kilometres inland from the town of Tiksi. We are deep underground and nothing can penetrate to that depth."

Peter then asked, "How long have you lived there and what is your function?"

'Oona' "For twenty three years my entire life has been spent at this biological unit. Mostly I assist other medical staff with retrievals (embryos and foetuses)."

Peter, "When you separate a baby from its mother don't you ever feel any emotion?"

'Oona' "No, because the child is given all that it requires for healthy physical and spiritual growth and usually adapts well to programming."

Peter, "What about the love and affection that every child needs to grow into a well adjusted adult?"

'Oona', "These emotions are part of the automatic conditioning that is now built into all our programmes."

Peter, "So you have learnt something from us?" (Emotions)

'Oona', "More than you will ever understand!"

Peter," Can I ask you about the short message that was left on my notepad one night in June?"

IN OUR UNIVERSE THERE ARE INFINITE PERCEPTIONS OF REALITY

YET MAN IS CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING ONLY ONE.

IF HE IS TO ENDURE, HE MUST LEARN TO EXPAND HIS ACCEPTANCE

OF THIS SIMPLE COSMIC TRUTH. ONLY THEN WILL HE BE ABLE

TO FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE IN HIS CREATION

AND JOIN US AS EQUALS.

Peter. "What does it mean?"

'Oona went on to explain. "It means that the natural laws of time and space are infinitely variable and do not conform to mans scientific belief. He must rethink his whole conception of physics if he is ever to visit distant planets."

There was a short pause, then 'Oona' said "it is late and I sense that you are tired. Now would be a good opportunity to end our communication. We will talk again very soon, then I can tell you more about your creators."

Peter said that he looked forward to that. With those last few words 'Oona's' presence was gone from his room, only an empty silence remained. Peter looked across at the clock, it was 12.04am.

"Although the night was warm somehow I felt chilled" commented Peter. "The last hour had been a strain and also I was a little anxious where this new experience was leading. I sat for a while trying to inwardly digest all that 'Oona' had said, could it possibly be true? Were the Greys here to lift mankind to new spiritual heights or to destroy our culture and claim the Earth for themselves?"

Peter's story has been greatly edited from his original notes made during July 1994. The full story of Peter Gregory's conversations can be read in the *booklet Alien Contact. The Oona Story*, published by the 'Phenomenon Research Association' (24 pages A4. Available at £3.00 in UK from e-mail Bontor@aol.com). ■

MYSTERY FIREBALL OVER SOUTH WALES.
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On Friday, 3 October 2003, most newspapers had the photograph of a "bolide", or fireball, taken by a schoolboy, Johnathan Burnett [See front cover of this issue –Ed]. Once again there is this strange temporal synchronicity that seems to occur around celestial (if potentially ufological) phenomena. This time when there is talk of the Earth being protected from meteoric impacts by an alien "gun".

This photograph was submitted to NASA who published it on the Internet. NASA appeared to think it important, or did it just feel it was a welcome addition to the plan to frighten everybody to death with tales of doomsday meteoric impacts? But the details given for the object just did not fit the object depicted in the photograph. Why? It may just be put down to the way astronomers have treated the subject of meteors for so long.

But what is to be made of the extraordinary statement: "And a photo of a fireball over Wales taken by a local teenager and posted by NASA on its website, turned out to be an aircraft condensation trail. "? - What absolute drivel. The trail in no way bears the slightest likeness to an aircraft con-trail, it is a blatant falsification. Someone at NASA blundered when they put the picture on the web because the exploding object (or perhaps *vapourising object* would be more applicable here, for I know of no debris retrievals) revealed something it should not have: This fact originally unknown to that person (the textbooks giving no help), but he/she knows differently now, big-brother *is out there*: All in all there is here an imprint mildly reminiscent of the Roswell propaganda manoeuvres. The upper echelons are out to suppress the truth.

On the previous page I said the Burnett 'Bolide' was too slow for a meteor, on the other hand it was too fast for an aircraft.

It is obvious that, now that meteors have become a sensitive ufological issue, the debunkers will have had a major plank removed from their austere edifice, they cannot now so glibly pass off various sightings as being of meteors, or as they like to call them 'bolides'; a strange and somewhat out of date name for a large (badly understood) meteor.

First picture of fireball taken by Johnathan Burnett

Second picture, 2 minutes later

Over recent years the danger from meteoric impacts has been over egged, of late it has to have been noticed that the 'dangerous meteors' have of late become 'dangerous asteroids', not due I suspect to PC, but something else, of which - 'the people cannot be told'! ■

UFO STATUS: FRANCE, CHINA, AND THE USA.
A global status report, compiled by FSR.

➢ **(i) France**

French government continues to fund research into UFOs. Trans-en-Provence 'landing' case still baffles scientists

A book called *A Crack In The Sky*, published before 1982 (and edited, I believe, by Gordon Creighton) dealt with the subject of the then French government's attitude to UFOs. France had been witness to many UFO sightings and alleged interactions with aliens since the early 1950s and the French defence ministry finally admitted that there were good grounds to believe that UFOs did in fact represent alien visitations of some kind.

The book is worth reading, if you can track it down, but if you can't, *The Humanoids*, published in 1969 and edited by the then FSR editor Charles Bowen, details – in a chapter written by Jacques Vallee - the UFO wave of 1954. If one doubts the sanity of the French defence ministry in declaring UFOs to be for real – in terms of alien 'visitation' in some way - a reading of the 1954 wave, and subsequent books by Vallee, should dispel those doubts.

Today, little has changed, it seems. In September 2003, the following item appeared in a usenet newsgroup, alt.alien.visitors, after publication in *The Times*, 5th Feb. 2003. - P.W., FSR.

Do aliens really exist? Just ask France's official UFO hunters, By Adam Sage

Flying saucers and alien spacecraft have long been favourites of film and TV producers, but Jean-Jacques Velasco believes that not all UFO sightings can be dismissed as products of over-active imaginations.

On a cold Monday morning 22 years ago, Jean-Jacques Velasco was sitting in his office when a gendarme (police officer) rang to tell him about a strange incident. Renato Nicolai, a retired technician, had been working in his garden in Trans-en-Provence, near Nice, when he saw a dark, round object come down from the sky, settle on the ground and take off again, the gendarme said. Over the years, Velasco has heard many such stories, and disproved most of them. But this one was different - this one was credible, he believes.

Something seems to have landed in Trans-en-Provence, he says, and that something has never been identified.

But who is Velasco? Another 'crackpot' determined to find a flying saucer? No, he is a scientist working for the state-run National French Centre for Space Studies (CNES), where he heads a department responsible for analysing what are commonly called unidentified flying objects (UFOs) but what are officially known as unidentified aerospace phenomena (UAP).

A neatly-dressed, bespectacled man, Velasco talks with the careful precision of an academic who is keen to be understood. He is not saying that he has come across visitors from another planet; he is saying merely that events occur for which science has yet to find an explanation, and which merit further inquiry.

Velasco's department was set up in 1977, the year that *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* was released amid a global UFO fever. Across the world people thought they saw strange figures, flying saucers and bright lights.

But there were few serious attempts to probe the issue. The CNES set up the Service for Expert Appraisal of Atmospheric Re-entry Phenomena (SEPRA). Based in Toulouse, the department is as pedantic as its title sounds: the staff are state-employed scientists, shaped by a prudent, rigorous and somewhat bureaucratic culture. In France such bureaucracy can often be cumbersome and painfully rigid. Yet in this domain at least, this rigidity offers a guarantee of impartiality that is rare as far as UFOs are concerned.

Last year, when the CNES was told to reduce its 1.3 billion budget, the organisation's president, Alain Bensoussan, ordered an audit into SEPRA's work. A wide range of French scientists was asked whether it was worth continuing research; almost all said yes.

One reason is because, unlike most other UFO-hunters, SEPRA's staff are neither seeking publicity nor peddling an obscure belief in extraterrestrial civilisation. They say they do not know whether extraterrestrial beings exist or not, and look disparaging when you ask them to voice their hunches on the question.

They do not have hunches, only statistics. Yet the statistics that Velasco has made public are eloquent. Since, 1977, SEPRA has received some 6,000 reports of alleged UFO sightings. Of these, 110 are from civil or military aircraft crew, and the rest from ordinary French people who have almost invariably contacted their local gendarmerie.

In 21.3% of cases there is a clear, indisputable and banal explanation: a firework display, a novel lighting system involving a luminous balloon, a cloud above the Pyrenees that is shaped like a flying saucer. In 24.9% there is a probable explanation, and in 41.3% the information is too vague to be of use.

But in 12.5 per cent of cases - about 750 sightings since 1977 - the evidence is detailed and inexplicable, and is thus categorised as an unidentified phenomenon.

Most alleged UFOs are spotted by the sober and sensible, says Velasco. 'In all our statistics on the people who see these phenomena only one in 1,000 is not credible because of alcohol. People go to gendarmerie spontaneously; mainly because they want to know what they have seen.'

Yet a witness's good faith is not enough, and the story must be corroborated. Consider, for instance, a case reported in 1994, when the crew of an Air France flight from Nice to London saw a dark, 300-metre long object over the Paris region. The object disappeared before the aircraft had got near it, and the flight continued without difficulty. A few days later Velasco travelled from his office in Toulouse to the military aviation control centre outside Paris, where he was given a read-out of the radar information from the day in question. It revealed that an unknown object had indeed flown over the French capital.

Consider, too, the Trans-en-Provence case. Velasco went through the usual checks with the gendarme. Was there evidence? The apparent answer was yes, as there were marks in the grass where the object had supposedly landed.

Velasco drove to Trans-en-Provence and took ground samples. These showed that the area had been heated to between 300ºC and 600ºC, that it had been compressed by something weighing up to a tonne and that the plants there had been affected by a strong electromagnetic field. Velasco concluded that Nicolai had indeed witnessed a strange happening.

So should we conclude that little green men were taking a look at Provence from their spaceship? Velasco dismisses such ideas. "We cannot say whether there is a link between the question of extraterrestrial life and that of non-identified aerospace phenomena," he says. "But we can show that UFOs exist. The problem is interpreting them, and I hope that scientists, and other people, look at this question more seriously.

➢ **(ii) China**

Report CNN's Kristie Lu Stout. www.cnn.com
To Chinese UFO buffs, it's a serious science.
HONG KONG, China — Joseph Wong, a lab manager

at Hong Kong's City University, is a man of science. His job is to assess the structural performance of buildings.

But familiar as he is with hard data, Wong is also a fan of the unexplained.

'If something flies over, there's a very good reason for trying to understand why they're here, why they come to us, what is their relationship between us and them,' he says.

Wong is the Chairman of Hong Kong's thriving UFO club — exploring 'unidentified flying objects' or, to the uninitiated, 'flying saucers.'

The club meets once a month to explore otherworldly topics like 'E.T. Civilization' and 'Alien Kung Fu.'

Members occasionally meet at a cyber cafe called UFO Station in Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui district. The spot is home to Hong Kong's own version of the X-files.

The dark monitor-lit café has UFO books, newsletters, and old news clippings of close encounters — material that UFO club members take very seriously.

'In order to understand UFO phenomena, we need to have a broad understanding of different disciplines,' says Albert So, university professor and Hong Kong UFO club member, 'including mathematics, physics, history, philosophy, even some sort of paranormal activities and all that.'

Hong Kong's UFO enthusiasts, like So, are not dreamy stargazers, but researchers who see their passion as a science. So much so that they're lobbying for a university degree program in 'UFOlogy.'

'The graduates of this programme will grasp at least all the major knowledge in order to understand UFO phenomena, and also other technologies and any skills related to UFOs,' says So.

'After students or friends finish this degree, they may have their own understanding about this universe,' Wong adds.

"Maybe they will be able to come up with a new universe model, new way of life, or whatever."

It sounds like a tough sell, but it may not be hard to pitch in mainland China, where there is little taboo about discs that glow in the night or theories on visitors from out there.

Flying boats in China.

China's state-run media reports on UFO sightings. Even the government's Ministry of Science and Technology treats the topic with respect. 'It seems that people in the East are more open to discuss issues related to UFOs,' So says.

'Perhaps that is something to do with the culture of the races. In particular, Chinese. Chinese is a kind of race who easily believes in something supernatural.'

And they may have been believing for a long time. UFO researchers point to an ancient drawing of the 100-year story of an emperor meeting a flying boat – a compelling artefact in support of UFO study, but not the only one.

'For me, it's not very important whether there is really a UFO that can fly or not,' Wong says.

'It's when we are investigating this, I think it's the process that actually helps us to understand more about ourselves or our planet.'

For club chairman Joseph Wong, the truth may be out there, but the payoff is personal – studying aliens helps to satiate a very healthy, and very human, curiosity."

➢ **(iii) USA**

Despite assertions in some quarters that the East is more fascinated by UFOs and aliens than the West – opinion polls in the USA don't support that view. Following decades of official denial that UFOs equate to alien visitation, the public – with one eye perhaps on views coming out ex-military personnel and people high up in government – continues its strong belief that planet earth is being visited by aliens. Polls rarely show that fewer than 66-80% have this belief. Here is a typical poll report, from CNN.

Poll: U.S. hiding knowledge of aliens

(CNN) — Nearly 50 years since an alleged UFO was sighted at Roswell, New Mexico, a new CNN/Time poll released Sunday shows that 80 percent of Americans think the government is hiding knowledge of the existence of extraterrestrial life forms.

While nearly three-quarters of the 1,024 adults questioned for the poll said they had never seen or known anyone who saw a UFO, 54 percent believe intelligent life exists outside Earth.

Sixty-four percent of the respondents said that aliens have contacted humans, half said they've abducted humans, and 37 percent said they have contacted the U.S. government. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points."

In another view from the USA, below is a report from www.space.com/news/ufo_poll_021025.html

Political bid

The latest round of UFO disclosure pressure on the government includes the independent candidacy of Stephen Bassett seeking a seat in the 8th Congressional District of the State of Maryland.

Bassett is a long-time lobbyist and activist on a quest to demystify the UFO phenomenon. His campaign slogan is 'Disclosure 2003.'

'For the past five decades the human race has been caught between two worlds, two paradigms. While millions of people worldwide have come to understand they are not alone in the universe, that an extraterrestrial presence has become manifest about the planet, the governments of the world, frozen in place by fear and indecision, have been unable to publicly engage this new reality. This cannot continue,' Bassett states in a web site campaign proclamation.

'It is time for the United States of America, a nation which views itself as a leader of nations, to formally acknowledge this extraterrestrial presence. During the campaign the premise will be put forth that conditions under which the United States government can end the UFO/ET truth embargo will be ideal in the coming year - thus the name 'Disclosure2003,' ' he explains." Meanwhile, a (former) top aid to (former) President Clinton, said to be have been on of the most powerful men in the US during the Clintion years in office, is continuing his fight for the 'truth' about the ufo subject to be revealed the American people.

“PSEUDO-CRYSTALS FOUND IN DUST OF ABDUCTEE HOUSEHOLDS.

George Sassoon of , Lochbuie, Isle of Mull, Scotland, draws our attention to an article entitled *Alien Dust* in the *New Scientist* of 26th July, 2003, and remarks that it is remarkable to see it in a mainstream science journal.

The item reports on the work of William Levengood, a former scientist from the glass industry, who has been examining the contents of the house dust of people claiming alien visitations and/or abductions, and comparing it with that from households not making any such claims.

He examined the dust at high magnification under a microscope. He says: “To my utter amazement, I found these extremely interesting particles, a few micrometres in diameter, they were tiny glass-like spheres.”

The best place to go for further information is his website at www.abduct.com

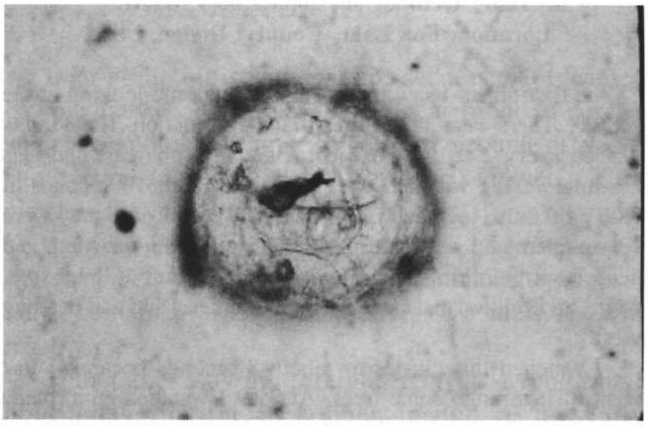
The “glassy particles” were first discovered in 1997 when an experiencer (abductee) recalled her night-time encounter with aliens and a beam of light that shined on the floor next to her bed.

The woman was awakened by the beam of light. She thrust her arm into the sparkling beam of white light and watched it shimmer on her arm. In the morning, she contacted Dr. Levengood and told him what happened. He went to her home and collected dust samples from the whitish dust residue on her furniture where she had reported seeing the sparkling beam of light during the night.

This dust contained unexplainable “glassy particles” and “pseudo crystals” which were unidentifiable. This discovery led Dr. Levengood to search for other clues in household dust.

“Pseudo crystals” come in a wide range of shapes and colors, including hollow or solid spheres. The particles are occasionally amber in color and vary in size from 1 micron or more, which is 1/1,000 of a millimeter.

Other more elongated particles include the “pseudo crystal.” These forms are often clear and contain definite non-cellular, non-plant structure. A visual inspection of the “pseudo crystals” under 450x magnification gives the appearance of a fiber optic arrangement.



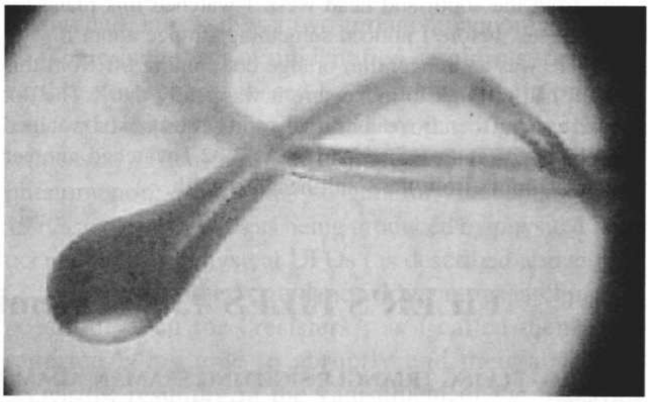


Photo credits for “pseudo crystals” Dr. William C. Levengood of Pinelandia Biophysics Laboratory of Michigan © 1999.

While “pseudo crystals” come in a variety of shapes and colors, some have a “head” shaped like a falling liquid droplet. The shape of a liquid droplet depends on the viscosity of the liquid. The similarity between a “pseudo crystal head” and a liquid droplet suggests the “pseudo crystal” may have been formed from a liquid.

You can have your house dust analysed for a fee by Pinelandia Biophysics Laboratory of Michigan. They can be contacted via the website at www.abduct.com

Comments or questions may be directed to Marilyn Ruben at Alien Abduction Experience and Research at abductions@aol.com. ■

UFO SEEN OVER BURNLEY, LANCS.

Burnley cabbie Mr Steve Haworth and a passenger watched a mysterious flying object suddenly appear, perform a series of mind-boggling manoeuvres and then simply disappear without trace above the town, early on Saturday morning.

I thought it was an aircraft at first, said Mr Haworth, of Burton Street. Then, when I weighed up all the pros and cons, I decided it couldnt possibly be. The part-time taxi driver was taking a customer from his Hufling Lane home to work in Waterfoot.

They were travelling along Bacup Road when they turned a corner and first saw the object in the sky. It was only 7-45 in the morning, but there wasn’t a cloud in the sky. It was beautiful and clear, he said. I immediately thought the object was a plane, but it wasn’t small, it wasn’t high up and it was moving slowly.

The silver cigar-shaped object with a small pulsating light in the middle, stopped and hovered. Then it changed shape as it started going forwards and backwards in a perfectly straight line. It did this twice before vanishing into thin air. There was no noise and no vapour trail, added Mr Haworth. If it had been an aircraft we would have heard it from where we were. It did not take-off, it just simply disappeared.

This is not the first time an unidentified flying object has been spotted in the sky above Burnley. Sightings date back to 1869 and have been reported at regular intervals throughout the decades since.

Descriptions have varied from a round, glowing disc and a line of bright lights, to a pulsating cigar-shaped object just like Mr Haworth described. He added: "The whole experience only lasted three minutes. I remember looking at the clock in the car, it was 7-45 a.m. and by the time the object had disappeared it was 7-48 a.m.

I’m so glad I had someone with me who saw what I did, otherwise I would have been doubting my sanity. Im just curious to know what it was. I have considered and dismissed all the sensible options, a UFO is the only logical explanation I can think of.

Source: http://www.burnleytoday.co.uk/ViewArticle.aspx?SectionID=12&ArticleID=654412 ■

WISCONSIN UFO REPORT, BY JEFF S.

Date: October 10, 2003 7:06-7:57PM.
Location: Fox Lake. County: Dodge, USA

The first object I saw is the one that kept me looking at the sky. There were 3 lights in a triangle formation. The 3 lights flashed every 2 sec. This object came from the east and was heading west. I watched this object for about 10 seconds at 7:06 p.m. I also included the airplanes I saw because they were very numerous. I saw an airplane that came from the south and headed north (7:06). At 7:19 I witnessed a cluster of lights (red, white, and yellow) that came from the southeast and was heading west.

I watched this cluster for about 8 seconds because I lost sight of it through some trees. At 7:19 I watched an airplane come from the south and head west. I watched this plane for about 30 sec. before I noticed something strange about it.

There was a strange, dim orange dot coming off from this plane. I had to blink to make sure it was really there. The dot headed east but then froze in its tracks and darted west. I watched this object for about 45 seconds. At 7:22 I watched another airplane coming from the south heading north.

Then I saw another orange dot. It was larger than the first one and was a pale orange. It came from the northwest and was heading south but, then it curved and headed west. I watched this object for about 15 sec. At 7:19 I saw yet another airplane. It came from the north and headed south. I watched as it disappeared.

Two minutes later I watched another identical plane come and go in the same direction. I found this very strange. At 7:52 I saw probably the strangest thing I've seen in my life. There were about 8 lights that were in a circle that all randomly flashed red and gold. I watched this from my deck. I could not believe what I saw. I stood on my chair to make sure of what I saw. It came from the north and headed east.

One minute later the same exact object appeared, flashing gold colors, come back from the direction it just came from. It raced at a remarkable speed. Faster than the first time. This was too much for me to handle. I jumped off my deck and raced toward the road to get a better view at the object. What I saw made a chill go through my body. Before my eyes there were 4 disc shaped objects all moving toward one another. They all headed north and I watched them head north for about 50 seconds(7:57). ■

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OHIO - FLYING TRIANGLE SIGHTING, SEAMAN, ADAMS COUNTY — Kenny Young was contacted on the Cincinnati UFO Hotline to report a tremendously large object seen around midnight of September 13, 2003. Mandy, a 21-year old along with her Mom, her sister and one of her friends saw a huge object off Route 32. They observed a triangular-shaped formation of lights on one large object, the lights flashed in sequence and would simultaneously alternate in color from pinkish-red, blue, white to yellow. There were 4-or 5 lights on the outer edges of the triangle facing downward that flashed as a row of lights.

The flashing effect was vastly different than the twinkling of astar. The colors would change in unison, all red or all yellow, etc., and would flash along the outer edge of the object in a slow sequence at first, then the flashing sequence escalated in speed after several minutes into the sighting. The UFO was not quite as big as a full moon, and it hovered above Belfast for almost an hour at an elevation less than 45 degrees above the horizon. Her mother, who is skeptical about UFOs, decided to have her report the object because it seemed to be so unusual. Both her sister and her friend are skeptical about UFOs, but could not identify the object.. Coyotes were heard howling ridiculously loud during the sighting, and also the previous evening. Thanks to Kenny Young UFO RESEARCH http://home.fuse.net/ufo Hotline 513-588-4548

KELOWNA - At midnight on July 31, 2003, two ladies decided to go star gazing at an isolated area off the side of a back road. They were out of the car a minute as Pat shined her flashlight into the sky and they saw three white stars in a triangle shape that started moving together. The lights changed to a neon green and the object flew to a position just ahead of their car.

Pat shined her flashlight down the road and spotted something which frightened them - five sets of eyes were staring from 40 feet away. Their first thoughts were coyotes or wild animals. The creatures were roughly four feet tall, with dark gray shoulders. They started coming towards the women. Pat said, "I was so scared. I yelled, "Get in the car." They scrambled into the car, but everything slowed down and the ignition failed."

Finally the car started and they sped off towards home, and noticed a fair bit of traffic and wondered where was all the traffic when all this was happening?" As they drove Pat said, "This is the weirdest thing. I feel like electricity, my whole body is tingling, just like I was zapped by a charge from a battery." When Linda heard this, she said, "I am feeling the same. As if I was hit by an electrical charge." Linda glanced at the car's clock and said, "Look at the time, we were only stopped for a few minutes, now the clock reads an extra 25 minutes of time." Investigation continues. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director UFO Research CANADA HBCC.

BROOKLYN — On September 8, 2003, at 10:35 PM, a large disc was seen moving at a moderate speed across the sky above lower Manhattan. The body of the craft had a very dim luminescent glow and a small flashing light at the left end. The craft was flattish, but with a curvature on top, like an upside down dinner plate. It seemed to be flying, near the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges.

The disc was still there at 11:30 PM, near the JFK Airport. Personnel in the tower and planes should have seen it. The UFO had a flashing rear light, a white light in the top center moving in a circular motion on the crown. There is an orange-reddish color to it and there was an upward tilt at the front of the craft. It changed shape as it flew back and forth, and had an elongated disk shape to it. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC.

SAKINAW LAKE, CANADA - Brian Vike writes, The witness who owns a summer home on the Sunshine Coast reports that on August 7, 2003, she took her star gazing gear in a peddle boat out to the middle of the lake. She states, "I usually stay out for a couple of hours and watch the shooting stars before peddling home." At 10:15 PM, I spotted a shooting star that streaked across the sky heading south then stopped, and split into four lights which formed a square with a light in each corner. It stayed in the square formation for four seconds before it changed forms again.

Two lights stayed in place while the other two moved slightly away, then stopped. The four lights together looked like a rectangle and stayed this way for a few seconds. Then the two lights that moved to form the rectangle shot off northward, like parallel shooting stars, while the other two lights only separated slightly and remained stationary.

LIVERPOOL — Four witnesses saw a black shape changing object on August 24 2003, at Glen Park Road Wallasey, Merseyside. It 7:30 PM, as they sat in the garden of a friend's home enjoying the clear weather. One of the party noticed a black spherical shaped object moving at high speed faster than aircraft. Binoculars were brought from the house. The object changed direction and its shape. They lost sight when it went over the roofline. The object was fingernail size at arm's length. Nikki Limb will investigate. Thanks to Bill Bimson www.mara.org.uk

AQABA, JORDAN — I was driving home from Aqaba on a desert road south towards Amman on September 2, 2003, at 2:15 AM. It was so dark that you could hardly see a car at this hour. Suddenly I saw a very strong white light coming from behind in my mirror. The light was so bright; I could hardly open my eyes. It kept coming closer and closer so fast. The car shook as it passed over my car and I almost lost control as it passed. I have never seen any thing that fast in my life. I wasn't able to see the shape of the object as it disappeared so fast. I didn't hear any thing but the sound of strong wind just like the sound of a storm. NUFORC ■

READERS' LETTERS

JACQUES VALLEE

Dear Philip, I remember your father as a man of wonderful scholarship and wit, who was very kind when he helped an unknown Frenchman struggle with his first book in English. The result of our collaboration was *Challenge To Science*, which was published in the States with a foreword by Dr. Hynek.

Over the years our relationship grew deeper, as it became clear that the UFO problem presented us with a greater challenge than anyone had suspected.

Gordon's deep understanding of many cultures, and his astounding knowledge of many languages, has set a high-water mark for research into this puzzling field.

We will miss him sorely. Janine joins me in sending you and your family our warmest thoughts.

Jacques Vallee.

GEORGE FAWCETT

Dear Editor, I want to send to you Philip, and all your family, my condolences in the loss of your father, Gordon Creighton. Your loss in England, has been our loss in America.

In 1967 I was busy starting a YMCA from scratch (with God's help) in Deland, Florida. One of my older board members (when he learned of my UFO interest) gave me as a "welcome to Florida" gift my first year's subscription to the *Flying Saucer Review* magazine, and I have continued it ever since.

I've always praised the FSR as the best available UFO publication in the world in my talks, printed recommended lists, etc. (plus submitted materials for publication from time to time).

Your father, because of his education and hard work (and connections world-wide) was the genius behind its success. When I spoke at the University of Manchester and at the Oxford Town Hall, the people I spoke to echoed their respect and admiration for Gordon.

He will be sorely missed by all of us on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, as well as throughout the world.

With deepest regards to family members and staff at FSR, George D. Fawcett, Founder, MUFON-NC, Inc.

P.S. I will be starting my 60th year of UFO research and investigations this December 13.

GERDA VISCONTI

Dear Philip, I was terribly sorry to hear the sad news about your father's passing. I was travelling and only found out a few days ago.

He was a great man with a realistic attitude towards the unknown and his original voice will be missed. I am so glad I was able to meet with him and you last year. The world is much worse off without him and perhaps now he knows the secrets.

I hope the FSR will continue as before.

All my love and condolences, Gerda Visconti.

ANN DRUFFEL

Dear Philip, It is with extreme sadness that I learned of your father's death. He was a dear friend, a cordial and ever-helpful colleague. When, just a couple of weeks ago, I learned that he had died, I tried to send you a letter via e.mail at your prior e.mail address, but it was returned. Today, your FSR Vol. 48, No. 2 arrived and my sorrow was tempered with joy that you had continued to publish, but it contained a new e.mail address. I hope this will reach you.

Your father was the forerunner in the hypothesis I hold today, that the UFO phenomenon, as presently researched, is possibly a two-pronged phenomenon.

There is the fact of unidentified aeroforms traversing earth's atmosphere, chased by jet pilots, caught on radar and occasionally photographed by thoroughly reliable witnesses. Then there is the so-called UFO abduction phenomenon, which was so generally accepted in the 1970s and early 1980s as being produced by physical UFO occupants from physical UFOs (as described above.)

With your father's guidance, I began researching the possibility that the "resisters", as I called them, who reported being able to abruptly end their abduction scenarios, resulting in the vanishment of the harassing entities, were telling us something about "abductions" we hadn't realized. Mainly, that "abductions" occurred in altered states, were basically non-physical in nature, that the entities had the ability to shapeshift into different forms, and that they were extremely deceptive in nature, as well as intrusive.

Your father's jinn hypothesis helped me understand better why "resisters" were able, through simple mental and physical techniques, to break the abduction scenarios and make the creatures "vanish", simply by breaking the altered state in which they were perceiving the intrusions.

I came to agree with him that the present-day "UFO alien abductor" was synonymous with that third order of creation the Muslims terms "jinns", or the Celtic "Sidhe", or the Hawaiian "menehune", and even the European "incubi".

In fact, the more I studied, the more I ran across similar shapeshifting, deceptive, sexually harassing creatures in philosophical, historical and religious texts in numerous cultures throughout the millenia and throughout the world. Eventually this research resulted in the 1998 publication of my book, HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST ALIEN ABDUCTION , which is helping many abductees to free themselves from trauma by these harassing entities.

Your father was one of my best friends and colleagues, and I shall always remember and value his constant help, his courteous personality, and his endless curiousity into other mysteries of the world, such as why the messages of Fatima continue to be ignored by our present-day Pope, when a simple consecration of Russia, specifically, could bring an era of peace to this war-torn world.

There was very little I disagreed with Gordon. He

was one of the brightest and bravest intellectuals I have ever had the pleasure to know well.

I hope the messages on the Internet by such researchers as Jerry Clark are not hurting your family, for most of what they are saying is simply not true.

I was extremely proud that that your father saw fit to print, in *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, many articles which I sent to him.

I feel sure Gordon was on the right track to solving at least part of the UFO mystery. I pray that he will continue to help us from Heaven. He will be sadly missed by many of us Americans. I am hopeful that FSR can continue under your editorship.

Some of my more recent letters to Gordon went astray, including a very important one regarding a well-known academic, interviewed by an American journalist last year, who stated publicly that Muslim terrorists were being influenced by evil jinns. Gordon was very interested in an article regarding this situation, but because the copy of the American television program transcript of the academic's statements never reached him he was not able to include it in FSR. If you are still interested in this, I would be glad to send another copy of the transcript.

Since so much of my mail and e.mails to England go astray for some reason, I would appreciate your confirming that you received this e.mail if you have time to do so.

With sincere condolences and high regards,

Ann Druffel.

DONALD WORLEY

Dear Philip, Well he has flown and is now off with his beloved Eve. Lucky guy — sometimes I wish the same with my 1st. wife. As far as I'm concerned, counting all the big wigs , or anyone what -so -ever in Alien research, Gordon was it and there won't ever be another like him. He was a courageous fighter who never gave up . My heartfelt condolences, Phillip.

Donald Worley.

JANE GUMA

Dear Philip, I have just received the Summer 2003 issue of FSR and was shocked and very saddened to learn of your father's passing last July. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have collaborated with him for over 35 years, and I hope to continue this relationship with you.

As I said, even though I'm so sad that Gordon has crossed over, I'm sure Eve was there to greet him and now they are both happy and together for eternity.

Please accept my husband Hal's and my heartfelt condolences on your loss, extensive to your family and the FSR staff.

Jane Thomas Guma

MARK FRANKEL

Dear Philip, During the past thirty odd years when my own sons were growing up, the family's amusement at my belief in Flying Saucers used to change to hilarity when your father would actually ring me in response to a letter.

Once, when I asked him if he couldn't publish some really convincing photographs of UFOs - in order to convince my sons; he replied – "Why bother; they're entitled to their opinion."

I shall always remember him thus, as a man who never tried to influence other peoples' beliefs or opinions, preferring to present the evidence in a clear and unbiased manner - for people to make up their own minds. I shall miss him.

My best wishes and sympathy to you and your family,

Mark Frankel.

ROSS BILTON

Dear Philip, I was so sorry to hear that Gordon had died — he was a lovely old chap. Thanks for writing to let me know; I'm afraid I moved recently and it went to my old address, hence the delay in replying.

I first met your dad when I went to interview him about the magazine (I was a reporter on the *Watford Observer* at the time), and ended up talking to him instead for several hours about our different experiences of China and Tibet.

I remember leaving his house and thinking he was one of the most interesting people I'd ever met — which I suppose is the result of living into your 90s and keeping your keen, inquisitive mind!

Over the next few years I dropped in on him a few times, and always enjoyed our chats. He was one of the great old characters of Ricky.

I was wondering if you'd approached the Times or the Telegraph with a view to them publishing an obit? I don't mind contacting them (I work on the Daily Mail, which doesn't do obits) if you would like that.

Regards, Ross Bilton.

COURT BABCOCK

Dear Friends at FSR, I am sorry to be so late in forwarding my condolences to family and friends of Gordon Creighton. With his passing, we have lost a most dedicated gentleman who consistently strived to provide the best reading material to FSR's many subscribers.

I have been a steady subscriber since, I believe, the Apr-May 1972 issue, the issue that featured "Tardale Car Crash" on the cover.

At any rate, I'm certain that we all can look forward to a continuation of Gordon's guiding principles, which are to provide the news without fear or favour.

Yours, most sincerely, Court Babcock.

LETTERS - CONT'D

JUDY MAGEE

Dear Creighton Family, I was very sad to learn of Gordon's passing. Having met him some years back while doing a tour of the US and UK with Paul Norman, I found Gordon extremely knowledgeable on many subjects, and we had a very interesting meeting.

No doubt he will be greatly missed, and we hope that the FSR will continue in the capable hands of Philip and co. My condolences to the family.

Judy Magee, President VUFORS.

JOHN

Dear Philip, Having only been a subscriber to *Flying Saucer Review* for about four years, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I realised from certain things mentioned that he was obviously a gentleman of advanced years, and it was so nice for him to be so involved so late in life and so full of his faculties. It was a privilege to read his articles and comments. It is through people of his ilk, with intelligence and position, that the word is going to get through and be believed by the public.

I not only believe but "know", through an experience I had in 1962 which I related to John Hanson a year or two back.

Your father will now be so much better informed than us mortals, and please be assured that you will be together again in the afterlife. I have had proof of that many times.

My sincere condolences once again to you, your family and the staff of FSR. John.

IGNACIO DARNAUDE

Dear Gordon , - Johanna.

Your glowing twin soul is gone.....but, of course, not forever. The unsubstitutable "Eve" is awaiting her Gordito lover at her brand-new light-energy home in the etheric realm, deserved by her spiritual inner voltage.

I am sure you are not alone, but tenderly/invisibly accompanied and protected by your mystic alter ego. Do you feel loneliness, a little depleted ? Normal, unavoidable. The ardent void left by our beloved Johanna it is impossible to refill in our material world.

To crowd the awful emptiness created by the sudden physical absence of your mate is beyond your limited strength. I marvel how the subdivine spirit of J., while on Earth, took over, as a strange sort of catharsis, almost this entire Alcatraz-planet of laggards under the control of demonic dark forces.

Your pretty wife was, *is*, an energy-God being, and one of the most spiritually refined persons we ever knew. With overwhelming surity: you will re-encounter Johanna in luminous golden garments. You *deserved* Johanna. (This is todo un hermoso piropo).

Our best, warmest wishes. Un fortísimo abrazo,

Ignacio Darnaude.

ROSEMARY DECKER

Dear Philip Creighton, I am sure you are missing your father, but I am happy that he had such a long life – and what an *accomplished* life it was!

Over a period of *many* years I enjoyed a correspondence with him, and once when in London, he and Eve invited me to lunch at their home. It was a *joyful* occasion for me!

I had *intended* to tell them of my meeting (in 1959) with a tall, kindly E.T. whom I saw only briefly, and received two phone calls from. He said goodbye on Feb. 14, 1960, as he was returning to his home planet.

Before he left, he suggested that "one day in the future", conditions would make it possible for me to write a book on Mars!! I was dumbfounded, as I am not a scientist, and realised I would need a *lot* of help from astronomers, et al.

In 1982, when Mars news was promising, due to the Mars probes' successes, I increased my research. I was incredibly lucky to receive generous help from a number of astronomers and other scientists, including also engineer Leonard Cramp.

Without their kindly assistance, I could not have written *Thirty-five Minutes to Mars* (the visitants *offered* me that title – and very little other data!)

The friend who drove me up from London arrived before I could tell of the E.T.

I finished the book a year or two ago, and it has a publisher: Galde Press. It should be in print *soon*. If you like, I'll send you a copy.

The visitant said that, "under optimum conditions, the trip from Earth to Mars will be possible in about 35 minutes." Of course, that presupposes *gravity control*. Well, there *are* scientists working on it. It seems that, providing we send nothing harmful, the Welcome mat will be out!

The people on Mars seem to be genetic cousins of ours. The man I met was about 6 ft. 4 – 5 inches, and if dressed like us, would blend into people on our streets.

There are also not-so-friendly E.T.s, but I have an impression that we receive some protection from them. *Thank you* for carrying on FSR! It is *needed*.

Blessings! Rosemary Decker.

WILLIAM BROPHY

Dear Mr Creighton, I was very sad to hear of your Dad's death. He was one of the best UFO investigators ever, and Flying Saucer Review is by far the best English-language UFO magazine – thanks to him.

I thank you for publishing my letters about my Dad, Lt. Col. William J. Brophy, and the UFO recovery on the McDonald Ranch, July 3-4 (night) 1947, which killed two 7-ft tall blond Nordics.

Your father's UFO sighting in 1941 in China is very interesting to me, as my Dad told me those tall blond aliens operated in the Tibet area as well as Puerto Rico,

where my friend Jorge Martín has reported them at Lake Cartagena and El Yunque National Forest.

The tall blonds are related genetically to the Irish and the Basques. Jorge Martín tells me Lake Cartagena is the area in Puerto Rico where the Basques live.

The UFO on the McDonald Ranch was recovered by Air Corps personnel from Alamogordo A.A.F. in New Mexico. Col. Paul F. Helmlek and Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner were in charge of the recovery.

The wife of Sheriff Wilcox at Roswell in 1947, Inez Wilcox, mentions the 7-ft. tall Nordics in her letter Four Years in the County Jail. The two Nordics died in a collision with the UFO flown by their small greys which they use as servants. This is the true story about what happened in 1947 in N. Mexico on the White Sands Missile Range and Corona. These are the tall blond aliens who met with Eisenhower at Edwards A.F.B. in 1954.

I hope your father, Gordon Creighton, now knows the truth. I wish we had more UFO investigators like him, we will miss him. My condolences,

yours sincerely, William P. Brophy

P.S. My Dad was a B-29 bomber pilot at Alamogordo A.A.F., and retired here in Miami at Homestead A.F.B. where parts and bodies of the 1947 N. Mexico and 1950 UFOs (Mexico) were kept. The McDonald Ranch crash site is south of the Trinity Bomb Site. 1947 is the Chinese year of the pig. This is why J.F.K and the C.I.A. changed the Cuban "Brigada 2506" landing from "Trinidad" Cuba to the "Bay of Pigs" – W.B.

JEAN SCRIVENER

Dear Mr Creigton, I will precede my letter to explain that the enclosed book does cover certain UFO topics on page 8 and the first part of Chapter two which relate to some topics given below. Book 2 in this series will be completed next year which will contain many more UFO references, and a copy will be sent to yourself on publication. So end of introduction, and on to the letter!

Even though I saw a UFO in 1973 instantly moving from one location to another for about 5 minutes above a farm near Shrewsbury, Shrops., I simply accepted confirmation of their existence, and never joined a UFO club or became a FSR reader / subscriber. I do apologise if my behaviour seems a bit Alien to you. My reason for writing to you is that a friend who is a long time FSR subscriber (Sue Waller) loaned me a copy of your Spring 2003 issue to read Margaret R Buckingham's article. Sue thought I wouldn't agree with Margaret's views, and she was correct! Margaret has combined facts with inaccurate interpretations to arrive at a totally incorrect conclusion.

I will make two initial points:-

1. Margaret argues that humanity's negative excesses are encouraged by and are for the benefit of those on other worlds. So Margaret does not blame rapists, muggers, murderers, liars and cheats for their appalling behaviour, as it is all due to these nasty negativity-consuming Aliens, is it!?! Every person should be honest, gentle, caring and kind, and people should really try to understand themselves and life on Earth. People are wholly responsible for the dishonesty and selfishness with which they pollute themselves.I feel that Margaret is a good and honest woman who will see that she has misled herself.

2. Even though it is currently being recognised less and less, particularly in the West, life has a spiritual meaning and purpose. Almost ten years ago I was almost killed by a drunk driver, and I was in hospitals for 15 weeks, the first 2 weeks of which I was unconscious. I have memories from the time I was unconscious which have refocused my life, as I know that I am not my body, that life is eternal, and that we incarnate for a reason - to encourage our own growth. All selfishness and dishonesty will interfere with our growth, while all honesty and positive behaviour will help it. All religions can help people to become spiritually focused.

Margaret is partially correct regarding mankind's origins, although this was not due to Aliens "tinkering with the DNA of bonobo chimpanzees"!

Much has been discovered since Darwin, and the broad picture is as follows:- Earth was created as our solar system was formed about four billion years ago, and single celled life-forms started to develop in the seas and began to evolve about three and a half billion years ago.

This eventually led to the evolution of Trilobites living about 550 million years ago, which was at the end of the Pre-Cambrian period. Evolution continued through the Cambrian, Ordovician and Silurian periods, until in the Devonian period fish had evolved.

Evolution was then able to really progress, and during the next period, the Carboniferous, amphibians evolved, and then in the Permian period the reptiles had evolved. The reptiles took hold as they developed into Dinosaurs over the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods, before their extinction gave way to the development of mammals and birds in the Eocene.

The mammals continued to evolve through the Oligocene, Miocene, and Pliocene periods, before sub-humans evolved during the Pleistocene, and finally 120,000 years ago in the current Holocene period, mankind evolved.

Early sub-humans had been spread around the globe, but human beings solely evolved in Africa. The evolution of human beings is still recognised as a missing link, because males from other worlds did mate with sub-human females to create the human race, who were then cared for and distributed around the planet.

Margaret quotes (without any specific reference!) from many spiritual texts, but she does not mention Atlantis and its sinking, which caused our friends from other worlds to depart because humanity had started to become afflicted by dishonesty, which is still accepted as a "human trait". Humans cannot be trusted.

Their means of transport should help people to understand that our visitors from other worlds have a greater understanding than we do.

People may be tempted to indulge in all sorts of selfish pursuits, but they should understand that they have the choice of polluting themselves or of growing stronger in honesty, wisdom and compassion. We have a choice, as do our visitors from other worlds.

Their immature young may misbehave during their visits to this planet, but they can improve their behaviour due to their having previously behaved in a negative way. Their behaviour is allowed because it can help them to gain an understanding and then grow to behaving positively.

Margaret, life is a wonderful gift, and we are certainly not just human maggots being manipulated by Aliens who are hungry to consume our negativity. Negativity does not benefit anyone anywhere! Life provides wonderful opportunities through which we can spiritually grow, and physical death is not the end. Ommmm.

With best wishes, Jean Scrivener,
Jean at Rainbow of Truth.

Dimanche
Saône et Loire

Le Britannique Gordon Creighton, après une brillante carrière de diplomate de Sa Majesté britannique, qui l'avait emmené en Belgique, en Amérique, en Chine, au Brésil, était devenu depuis 20 ans l'éditeur de la fameuse Flying Saucer Review (Revue des Soucoupes Volantes). Il était un personnage incontournable et atypique de l'ufologie mondiale.

Doué pour les langues, il en parlait au moins dix. Sa voix si caractéristique, son français impeccable mais teinté phonétiquement (il avait fait ses études à l'École libre des Sciences politiques à Paris), enchantaient mes tympans quand il me téléphonait depuis sa retraite du Hertfordshire où il s'était retiré, compilant les informations venues du monde entier et nous livrant tous les quatre mois un concentré de nouvelles internationales rendues ainsi accessibles grâce à ses traductions. À son dernier appel en février dernier, il se savait condamné et m'avait annoncé cela tout naturellement, gardant son enthousiasme intact pour ce qui nous liait. Un tel détachement face à la mort prochaine m'avait bouleversé.

Ses positions concernant le phénomène ovnis étaient pour moi un enseignement de première grandeur. J'en bénéficiais depuis de longues années dès lors qu'il avait pris l'habitude de m'honorer d'appels réguliers. Ainsi prenait-il le pouls de l'ufologie française et aussi savait-il placer sur le chemin de ma réflexion quelques balises éclairantes. Je ne saurai jamais le remercier assez de m'avoir ainsi ouvert à des vues qui n'étaient pas forcément les miennes. Son intérêt pour le sujet datait d'une observation qu'il avait faite durant l'été 1941 en Chine, près de la frontière du Tibet : « Un disque blanc se déplaçant très rapidement dans le ciel avec une lumière bleue brillante flashant par intermittence ». Depuis, il avait fait d'autres observations insolites sans les préciser.

Gordon faisait coïncider l'intérêt des extraterrestres pour la Terre avec les explosions d'Hiroshima et de Nagazaki. Il pensait que les gouvernements en savent plus qu'on ne le croit et qu'ils nous cachent la vérité à cause des effets possibles sur la psyché humaine. Cette vérité, il la voyait non pas scientifique (pas exobiolologique), mais plutôt religieuse et philosophique (il avait aussi un grand intérêt dans les religions sans d'ailleurs fréquenter aucune église). Il n'hésitait pas à allouer au phénomène ovni une dimension démoniaque. Malgré son grand sens de l'humour, cette idée extrême n'a pas toujours été bien comprise et a fait émettre à son encontre des avis négatifs injustifiés ; cela vaudrait le coup de la creuser à partir des éléments tangibles qui l'avaient conduit jusque-là.

À son fils Philip qui a repris le flambeau, je renouvelle mes condoléances et toute ma confiance pour perpétuer les idées singulières de son père à travers la FSR. « Un homme ordinaire avec une passion pour l'extraordinaire », titrait faussement en 1992 l'Observer à son propos. Je dirais plutôt : « Un homme extraordinaire avec une passion extraordinaire ». C'est comme ça que je le considérais. Hernani et Gordon, vous allez nous manquer...

Michel Granger

NIKOLAY LEBEDEV

It is too late to express condolences, but in any case please accept them! It were as shock – when I opened FSR v 48/2 ! I know – Gordon is old, know he were ill - but my mind CANNOT perceive that Gordon is dead.... For you – he is your father, but for me – more than close friend... I lost part of myself. Best regards, Nikolay.

OBITUARY: GRAHAM BIRDSALL

At about 5:00 on the morning of 19th September, Graham Birdsall passed away in hospital in his home city of Leeds, with his family by his side. His death was the result of a cerebral haemorrhage suffered on September 11.

Graham (along with his brother Mark) founded *UFO Magazine (UK)* and as Editor-In-Chief built the publication into the most successful and influential magazine of its kind. Graham was also a friend and mentor to many of the best-known (and lesser known) ufologists around the world

He produced many UFO conferences and related events, including the Leeds International UFO Conference, which would have been held that next weekend, had it not been cancelled owing to Graham's illness.

While Graham Birdsall's death is a very real blow to the world of international ufology, our hearts go out to his family at this sad time - his wife Christine, daughters Helen and Louise, granddaughter Katy, brother Mark and son-in-law Russel. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Graham and have him as a friend will miss him terribly, but we will always remember him for his courage, sense of humor, drive, and countless contributions to the field of ufology. –P.W., FSR.

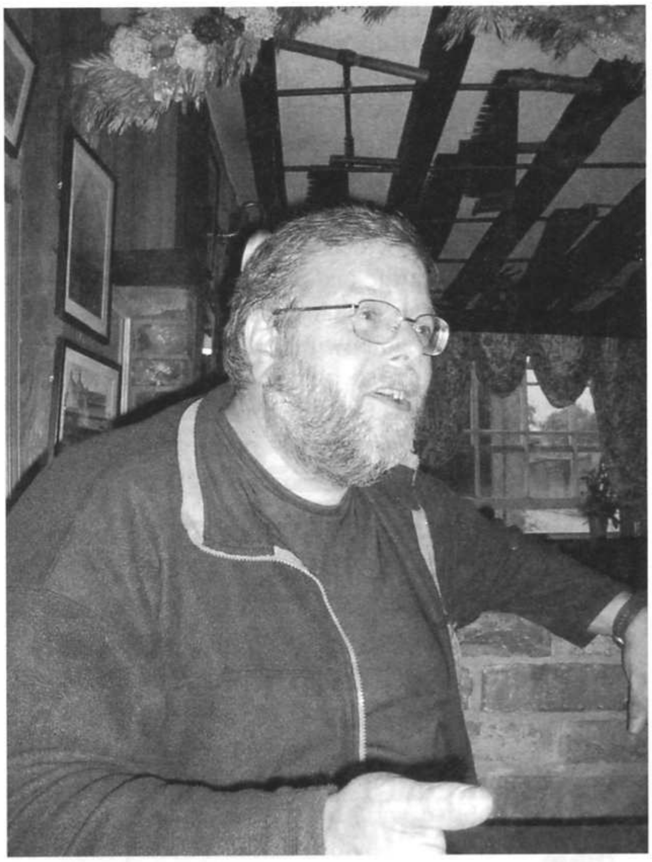

Photo of Graham Birdsall taken at the recent Crop Circle Symposium in Glastonbury, Somerset, UK. It was taken by FSR Consultant, George Wingfield, in the "Who'd a Thought it?" pub where Graham, George and Budd Hopkins had a drink.

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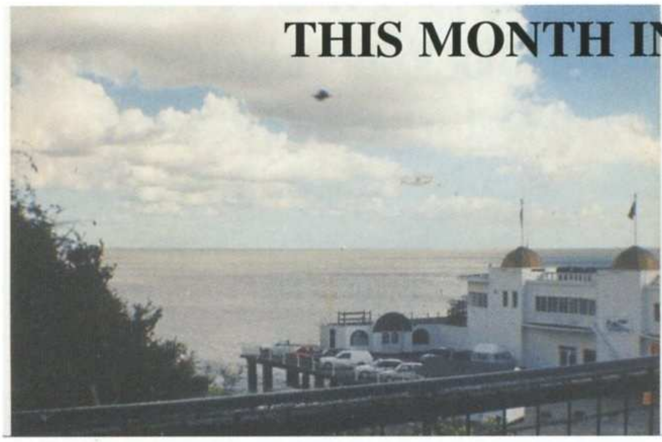

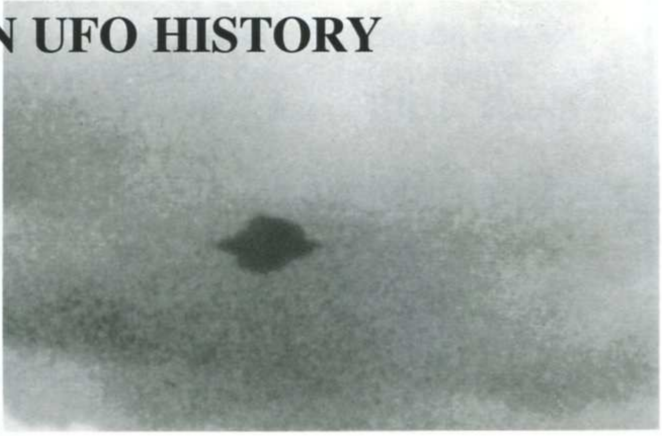

Sighting reported to Essex UFO & Paranormal Research Group (2000).
"ADAMSKI" type craft seen and photographed at Clacton-on-Sea during September 1995/6. Reported 17 August 2000, after reading UFO article in *Clacton Gazette*. A bright silver unusual looking object was noticed in the sky, over the pier at Clacton, early September during 1995 or 96. The person spending his holiday here took a photograph. To his amazement the object appeared black on the print; not silver.

Coast Guard Officer Shell R. Alpert snaps 4 Brilliant UFOs, August, 1952. The US Coast Guard released a photograph of unidentified aerial phenomena (i.e. a UFO), taken by a 21-year old CG photographer on 16 July at the Salem Coast Guard Air Station. The UFOs were also witnessed by Coastguardsman Thomas Flaherty. (Source: The Daily Chronology of Coast Guard History, http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp)

August 14, 1990 - The Greifswald Lights
According to some sources, dozens, if not hundreds, of German and Russian employees at a nuclear power plant in East Germany witnessed the formation of unexplained luminous orbs which hovered above the restricted site for over an hour. At least one person produced a video tape of the dancing lights, and in a segment of the tape we see one of the orbs merge with another in midair. [see UFOs: The Best Evidence Ever Caught on Video (J. Frakes, host. Broadcast in U.S. on Fox television network, July 1997).] (Source:http://www.xproject.net/archives/ufo/warofwords.html)

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